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CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, April 29, 1891.

The General Baptist Convention of California convened for its tenth anniversary in the new auditorium of the California Baptist Resort Association, at 2:30 P. M.

Rev. Bunyan Spencer, President, called the Convention to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Harris of Pasadena.

The usual committees were appointed, as follows:

Enrollment—Rev. S. K. Dexter, T. A. Downing, Rev. J. M. Helsley.

Nomination of Officers—H. E. McCune, Rev. W. H. Latourette, C. N. Whitmore, Rev. W. W. Willis, Rev. C. E. Harris.

Arrangements—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, G. M. Coulter.

Rev. F. S. Lawrence, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Santa Cruz, welcomed the Convention to Twin Lakes.

President Spencer responded at some length, calling attention to the desirability of a better system in the arrangement and dispatch of the work of the Convention.

The Committee of Arrangements, in response to a call for the order of business, stated it to be a review of the work of the Convention for the past ten years, but that the three gentlemen asked to prepare such a review had, one after the other, respectfully declined the honor.

It was moved and carried, that we listen to the report of the Statistical Secretary.

In response to a request from the Santa Cruz papers for a report of the proceedings of the Convention, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant was appointed to perform the service.

Statistical Secretary Hartwell then read a summary of an elaborate report, and received an unanimous vote of thanks for the valuable statistical information presented, which was ordered to be printed in the Convention minutes. Report adopted.

The report of the Enrollment Committee was called for, but not being ready, further time was granted.

Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Convention reported as follows:

President, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry; First Vice-President, W. R. Gallup; Second Vice-President, Hon. J. G. Pressley; Recording Secretary, Benj. C. Wright; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.; Treasurer, W. R. Strong; Auditor, C. F. Baker.

It was moved and seconded, that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Convention for the nominees.

Objection being made to this course, a direct vote by the Convention was ordered. Revs. G. E. Good and W. H. Stenger were appointed tellers. Further objection was made to a vote until it was known who were delegates.

At this point the Committee on Enrollment submitted a partial report, which was adopted, with the understanding that it should be perfected before the close of the Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

DELEGATES.

Salinas—Rev. E. B. Hatch, W. F. Treat, Mrs. George Abbott.

Woodland—Rev. George E. Good, C. T. Bidwell, D. C. Bean.

Willows—Rev. A. M. Russell.

Emmanuel, San Jose—Rev. W. H. Stenger, Mrs. W. H. Stenger, Deacon H. T. Hite.

First, San Francisco—Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, J. G. Levensaler, H. L. Gear, Mrs. H. L. Gear, B. C. Wright.

Chico—Rev. J. D. Green.

Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Miss. M. J. Ames, Miss E. J. White.

Emmanuel, San Francisco—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, P. D. Code, Mrs. J. C. Webb, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Mrs. J. Kennedy.

Biggs—Rev. M. G. Bradley.

Pasadena—Rev. C. E. Harris, Dr. T. Nichols.

Rivera—Rev. J. H. Reider, D. D.

Riverside—Rev. C. Winbigler.

Monrovia—Dr. U. Gregory, Rev. A. B. Tomlinson, W. C. Badeau.

Santa Rosa—J. H. Holman, R. Crane, R. F. Crawford.

Twenty-third Avenue, Oakland—Rev. I. D. Fleming.

Vallejo—Rev. S. K. Dexter.

Cloverdale Mission Baptist Church—Rev. W. E. Adams.

Calvary, Sacramento—George Hayford, Deacon W. R. Strong, Robert Williamson, R. H. Withington.

First, Santa Cruz—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, A. Litchfield, J. P. Parker, Deacon Bixby, A. A. Davis.

Second, Santa Cruz—Rev. N. W. Alger, Miss Susie Alger, John Dymott.

First, San Jose—Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Mrs. J. Herndon Garnett, M. P. Boynton.

Westport—Rev. M. S. Eby.

Hamilton Square, San Francisco—Rev. A. W. Runyan.

Ukiah—Rev. W. T. Fleenor.

Beth Eden, Oakland—Rev. R. A. McQuinn, C. D. Cole.

First Church, Stockton—Rev. Ray Palmer, Mrs. Celia Palmer, Deacon E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. A. M. Rowe, Mrs. C. R. Ralph.

East Los Angeles—Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., Deacon O. A. Lane.

Wheatland—Rev. T. H. Stephens.

Santa Clara—Rev. C. J. Thompson.

Swedish Baptist Church, San Francisco—Rev. August Olsen.

Third, San Francisco—Rev. George E. Duncan.

Nipomo—C. A. Whitman.

Gonzales—Rev. J. M. Helsley, Hon. T. F. Faw, Mrs. T. F. Faw.

Dixon—Rev. W. T. Jordan, Deacon H. E. McCune, Mrs. H. E. McCune, J. S. Garnett, G. M. Coulter.

Ceres—C. N. Whitmore, Mrs. C. N. Whitmore, Jessie Averill.

First, Sacramento—Rev. W. W. Willis, Mrs. W. W. Willis.

Mountain View—Rev. H. E. Adams, Rev. O. Crittenden, Mrs. O. Crittenden.

Mayfield—Rev. H. E. Adams.

Los Gatos—Rev. S. B. Randall, Mrs. S. B. Randall, E. W. French, Miss N. Waterman.

Emmanuel, Sacramento—Rev. H. B. Hutchins.

Anderson and Redding—Rev. M. U. Squire.

Penryn—Rev. W. H. Randall, Deacon H. E. Parker, Mrs. S. E. Wood.

Modesto—Rev. B. F. Huddleson, Mrs. B. F. Huddleson, M. Case.

Selma and Good Hope—Rev. T. R. Bowles.

Napa—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

First Oakland—Rev. C. H. Hobart, J. L. Lyon, Mrs. L. P. Baker, Mrs. Holmes, C. F. Baker.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue—Rev. Frank Dixon, Mrs. J. K. Smallman, T. A. Downing, E. H. Lennox, C. W. Dearborn.

First, Alameda—Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Rev. S. P. Davis, Mrs. S. P. Davis.

The ballot for officers for the Convention then proceeded without further interruption, and the gentlemen reported by the committee were practically unanimously elected.

President Spencer welcomed his successor, and President Henry made a brief response, thanking the Convention for the honor, and asking for co-operation in the discharge of the duties.

The hour being late, the Committee of Arrangements reported devotional services for the first half hour of the evening session, to be followed by the Treasurer's report and the annual Convention sermon.

Secretary Wright appointed C. F. Baker as his assistant.

After prayer, the Convention took a recess until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. H. Stephens of Wheatland.

President Henry called the Convention to order. The attendance was large.

The reading of the Treasurer's report was deferred.

The annual Convention sermon was preached by Rev. Frank Dixon, pastor of the Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland, from Luke xix, 10. The theme was: The chief end of Church Organization.

Usual collection taken.

President Henry appointed as Committee on New Churches, Revs. G. E. Good, S. P. Davis and T. H. Stephens.

Rev. Ray Palmer sang an original song, entitled, "California for Jesus."

Committee of Arrangements reported order of exercises for Thursday morning; and after prayer, the Convention adjourned to Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Ray Palmer of Stockton.

Convention called to order at 9:30 A. M., President Henry in the Chair.

Report of Missionary Board of Southern California, prepared by Rev. W. W. Tinker, Secretary, was read by Rev. C. E. Harris.

Pending motion to adopt the report, remarks were made by Rev. W. H. Pendleton of Los Angeles, and Rev. C. E. Harris of Pasadena, in which allusion was made to the proposed division of the State into two Conventions. Adopted.

REPORT OF SOUTHERN BOARD.

Report of W. W. Tinker, General Missionary for Southern California, from May 1st, 1890, to May 1st, 1891.

One year ago the writer was called to the work of General Missionary for the Southern District of the State of California, and at the request of the Executive Committee of the General Convention respectfully presents the following, both as a survey of the southern field and as a report of work done by him during the time mentioned:

Weeks of labor	52
Sermons and addresses delivered	245
Churches visited (number of visits)	95
Associations and public meetings	6
Religious visits	564
Prayer meetings attended	86
Miles traveled	8454
Letters and postal cards	1047
Baptisms	15

Many other minor facts might be mentioned that it is hardly necessary to enumerate, such as circulars gotten up and appeals and lectures not necessary to mention.

A brief general survey of the work of the year will suggest these facts, that at the beginning of the year a debt of $500 was on the Southern District and that we were permitted to close the Associational year, October 1st, with a balance of nearly $200 in the treasury, without relinquishing any point previously occupied by the Missionary Committee, and in addition thereto was the field of Bakersfield bequeathed to us as well as the necessity for $200 for the Church edifice at that place, all of which has been raised. At the present there are twenty-five churches and stations under the direction of the missionaries employed by the Missionary Committee of Southern California. These are served by thirteen local Missionaries. There is also one District Missionary (Evangelist) Rev. O. B. Read, and the General Missionary. The aggregate rate per annum at this time for this service, is $5,500. The demands that will come in the immediate future and to be alluded to further on, will add to this at the rate of $800 per year. The outlook at present for Church Edifice work in this section during the next twelve months, is most promising and bids fair to equal any previous year in the department of Mission Churches. First in importance probably is Colton, that is arranging to build at once. Next is The Palms. It is sincerely hoped that these projects will be consummated and that these important fields may soon have homes of their own. South Pasadena is moving quietly and cautiously in the same direction, and their careful and judicious pastor is hopeful of success. The absence of the writer from your meeting, (where he would greatly enjoy being), is occasioned by the prosecution of a building at Julian, a mining town in San Diego County. A good house has been erected at Escondido for some time, but owing to unavoidable circum-

stances has not been available heretofore, but now with some assistance from the Church Edifice Department and a pastor, it will be brought into active use. A church has recently been organized at Whittier, the location of the "Reform School." Nearly forty members have been gathered in under the efforts of Rev. J. H. Reider and Rev. C. A. Buchanan. They are preparing to build and will in all probability need some assistance to that end. Pleasant Valley, in the Santa Barbara Association, have aspirations also in that direction. The need of church edifices in the upper portion of San Luis Obispo County can hardly be estimated, and it is hoped that another twelve months will not pass before houses shall be at least under way at San Miguel, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo. The little church at Delano, Kern County, have succeeded in purchasing a very good school house and will remove it to their lots at once (possibly already accomplished), and with a little assistance from the C. E. F. will have a very neat and comfortable home of their own, suitable for their use for some time to come.

As rapidly as it is possible, I will bring before you the fields at present occupied and receiving aid from the Mission Fund. Following the alphabetical order we come first to Alhambra. This church is some eight miles east of Los Angeles and situated in a growing community, and with a neat house of worship (costing $2,300), liberally aided by the A. E. H. M. S., they are making steady progress in the different departments of church work. Rev. T. L. Crandall is the pastor, and he serves in connection with this church the organization at South Pasadena, some three miles distant. This field has been alluded to above, and the hopeful condition of the project for a house of worship indicates a vigorous state or church life. Azusa is a small settlement east of Monrovia and rapidly settling up with a good class of citizens. The church is served by Rev. W. S. Cole, who has been with them since the first of November last. The thorough and careful organization of this church into the various departments of church activity and the increasing interest in the work, promises a prosperous future. Bakersfield need only be mentioned, as its past has been fully identified with the Missionary work of the General Convention. Suffice it to say that commendable progress is being made, and that the pastor, Rev. J. C. Jordan, is reaching out to "the regions beyond," having an appointment at the Rosedale Colonies Sunday afternoons and preaching once a month at Delano. Banning, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. H. Cross, who is preaching all the time at that one point, is growing more hopeful. Bro. C. began his work the first of February. Carpinteria, in Santa Barbara County, some ten miles south of the city of that name, and Goleta, about the same distance north, are promising fields under the care of Rev. Peter Grant, who began his work in July last. Colton, Rev. J. S. Hutchinson, pastor, has been taken as the special work of the Woman's Mission Societies and is in a more promising condition than for a long time. As said above, a house of worship is being attempted with reasonable prospects of success. A very good lot has at last been secured and paid for. The spiritual life of the church is very much improved as

well as the attendance at prayer and other services. Bro. H. has been with them since October first. In the city of Los Angeles we have under the special direction of the Missionary Committee two missions; Calvary Church until recently under the pastoral care of Bro. C. J. Bickford, but he having resigned no one has as yet been secured to fill the place. This interest may be transferred to a more promising part of the city. They have a good house free from encumbrance. The Swedish Church, Rev. N. Hayland, pastor, deserves credit for their zealous efforts to maintain the work. They are greatly in need of a house of their own, yet under the present discouraging circumstances they have as thorough organiztion as can be found in many of our best equipped churches. The German Mission, Rev. Wm. Appel, pastor, is not under the direction of this Committee, as the German Conference operates their fields independent of the local committees and directly with the A. B. H. M. S. But it is our privilege to speak of the work of this noble little band who have heroically surmounted the obstacles in their way and are now worshipping in a model of a house for which they will soon "owe no man anything." National City feels greatly encouraged at present, having but just closed a meeting under the Evangelist Rev. O. B. Read, resulting in upwards of forty conversions. Rev. V. A. Henry is pastor, and has been serving them since the first of October. In connection with this field the pastor preaches once each Lord's Day to Otay, a small town south, and at Grand Avenue in San Diego, a mission of the First church of that city. The Palms, as said above, are making preparations for a house of worship. The pastor, Rev. A. P. Brown, feels very hopeful that success will crown the efforts at no distant day. This was the scene of the greatest revival enjoyed in this section for some time, during which under the labors of our Evangelist, over sixty professed conversion. Bro. B. preaches at the Soldiers' Home and at South Santa Monica, where an interest is being developed. Redlands, Rev. J. D. Rumsey, pastor, is demonstrating its growth in the most substantial way we know of, *i. e.*, by becoming self-supporting. During the last six months most encouraging progress has been made in this field. The pastor as well as church are proving themselves equal to the great opportunities of their location. San Luis Obispo has until quite recently enjoyed the services of Rev. W. H. Carmichael, but he has felt called upon to resign, and this important field is waiting for the right man. Bro. C. did nobly during his pastorate, but there are peculiar difficulties in the fields in that part of the county that can only be appreciated by those who experience them. This a most important point and it is not the intention to leave it vacant any longer than possibly can be avoided. Bro. C. also preached alternately at Nipomo, where a small organization is maintained. Paso Robles is at present without regular service, owing to the repeated failures to secure a pastor. This is greatly regretted, as it leaves a most important section of the county of San Luis Obispo without Baptist services, but it is hoped that the Lord will direct some good man to these fields ere long. San Miguel, nine miles north, is a very promising community, and

when a man is secured will become a center for a large Baptist constituency in the surrounding country.

FIELDS CONTEMPLATED.

Poway in San Diego county, and Escondido combined with Oceanside will make an interesting and promising "circuit." Correspondence is being had with an efficient brother for these fields. For the present it will be necessary to combine several fields together, as it is impossible to furnish aid sufficient to sustain a pastor on each field. It is hoped that this will serve to "hold" certain points until there is sufficient development to justify exclusive service. Chino, the location of the great beet sugar factory, is coming rapidly into prominence and will soon require the entire service of a pastor, but for the present this will be coupled with South Riverside or Ontario. South Riverside has recently organized under favorable circumstances. Julian (to which allusion was made) and Ballena ten miles west, as well as Ramona, still further towards the Coast, in San Diego County, will need assistance shortly, and a pastor for these fields will need to be on the ground so soon as the house is completed at Julian. Hueneme, in Ventura County, has settled a pastor, Rev. W. L. Gaston, and is hoping for some assistance from the missionary fund. Ventura and Santa Paula are towns of special importance that it is hoped may at no distant day be occupied by Baptists. In each there is a weak struggling interest, but owing to a lack or any available place of worship, it is practically impossible to do aggressive work at these points.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

In January of this year Rev. O. B. Read was employed as District Missionary Evangelist to labor with any of the churches within the bounds of Southern California. It was principally designed to give the smaller churches the benefit of the services of this most efficient man of God, but it was also contemplated that during the year some of the more influential churches might avail themselves of his services, thus making the contributions for the special evangelistic work adequate to its expense. Upwards of one hundred and fifty conversions have resulted from these services in the time mentioned. Nothing more need be said as to the wisdom of the appointment than this. So far over fifty per cent. of the expense has been realized on the fields receiving the work. Bro. Read has been laboring constantly since his appointment, and has served the following churches: Bakersfield, Alhambra, The Palms, Fallbrook, National City, Otay, and at present is at San Diego. Immediately after the Association last October, under a temporary arrangement with the Committee, he held a series of meetings with Paso Robles church. This department of work has been signally blessed, and the prayer and sympathy of the entire State is requested for a continuance of the outpouring of the Divine Spirit upon it.

In addition to the work of this nature done by the District Missionary Evangelist, the General Missionary has devoted a large amount of his time

to that kind of service, having labored with the churches at Paso Robles, San Miguel, Nipomo, Delano, Poway, Monrovia, Chino and Julian.

ADDENDA.

Fallbrook, Rev. T. N. Lord, pastor, has recently felt constrained by reason of great depression in financial matters and removals from their midst, to ask for temporary aid in the support of a pastor, which has been cheerfully granted by the Committee, as this church has demonstrated its willingness to contribute to the great denominational enterprises in times past. Monrovia, under its faithful pastor, Rev. U. Gregory, D. D., is making heroic efforts to sustain itself. The Committee, from a feeling of regard for this devoted people and an appreciation of the sacrifices they have made and are making, stand ready to aid to the extent of their ability.

This outline of the work and condition of missionary operations in this section is presented with an earnest prayer that it may meet with your approval and cordial sympathy and prayers. The demands upon Baptist benevolence in this section is as great as at any time in the past and the supply is probably as meagre; but we have faith in God and also in the inherent loyalty of the Baptists to the great opportunities vouchsafed them, and feel confident that the "supply" will equal the "demand." Pray for us.

Yours truly,

W. W. TINKER,

General Missionary for Southern California.

Los Angeles, April 15th, 1891.

The report of the Executive Committee to the Convention Directors, adopted by the Board, was then read by the Rev. W. C. Spencer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist State Convention of California:

The Executive Committee, in presenting their report of the work of another year, desire to express their gratitude to "the giver of every good and perfect gift" for the blessings that have attended the labors of the denomination in Northern California, as seen in our growth in numbers, harmony, zeal and liberality.

The Executive Committee has held sixteen meetings during the year, and perfect harmony has characterized all its deliberations.

The Home Missionary Society of New York has continued our liberal helpers in the work to the amount of $3,500, being an addition of $1,000. Our thanks are due, and are hereby heartily tendered for the same. Without such aid it would be impossible for us to do what we are now doing.

The past twelve months have been remarkable for the number of pastoral changes in the mission churches; only four of the present missionaries were

with us at the commencement of the year. This has resulted in a great deal of labor in connection with the adjustment of the work.

Arrangements have been perfected by which the Board has entered into co-operation with three Associations, viz: Tulare, Sacramento River and Clear Lake. The basis of this co-operation is one dollar from our Board added to every dollar contributed to our treasury from the Associations named. This arrangement has already proved highly satisfactory in promoting self-help and in producing a deeper interest in the work on the part of the associated churches.

The year has been conspicuous for the number and extent of the revivals in our mission churches. In no twelve months have more persons been received by baptism than during the year just closed.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the West has aided materially in the prosecution of our work in supporting five missionaries in Northern California, who have labored among the Chinese, Indians and Swedes.

We heartily tender our thanks to this Society for its liberal aid and valuable workers.

Since our last annual meeting we have been called to part with one of our most efficient missionaries, in the person of Rev. A. W. Webb of Tulare. Organizing the church himself in June, 1887, with eight members, and although meeting with difficulties which would have driven many a man from the field, he maintained his post until called to his reward. During his pastorate the membership increased to forty-eight. In the same period, through his heroic efforts, a lot costing $1,000 was paid for, and he was permitted to see the inclosure of the house of worship; the first service held therein being that to pay the last rites of respect to that "good minister of Jesus Christ." His life, as a citizen, a business man and a pastor, was such as compelled unusual attention and respect by all classes. He left an untarnished name and a fragrant memory, and his death was regarded in the community as a public calamity. His self-sacrificing labors reached to distant parts of Tulare County, and it is computed that he traveled not less than 8,000 miles in his missionary work within those bounds.

The following fields have been aided during the year ending March 31, and to the amounts herein specified:

Berkeley, Rev. E. T. Whittemore, one year, $240.

Clear Lake Association, Rev. S. L. Sanford, three months, $90.

Chico, Rev. J. D. Green, five months, $100.

Eureka, Rev. S. J. Nunn, six months, $175.

Los Gatos, Rev. S. B. Randell, three months, $75.

Napa, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, ten months, $217.

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue, Rev. I. D. Fleming, six months, $150.

Redding and Anderson, Revs. W. R. Connelly and M. U. Squire, six months, $225.

Sacramento, Emmanuel, Rev. H. B. Hutchins, six months, $200.

San Jose, Emmanuel, Revs. B. Spencer and W. H. Stenger, ten months, $310.

San Francisco, Emmanuel, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, twelve months, $300.
San Francisco, Hamilton Square, Rev. A. W. Runyan, six months, $150.
San Francisco, Swedish, Rev. A. Olson, twelve months, $400.
Santa Cruz, Second, Rev. N. W. Alger, eleven months, $367.
Selma and Sanger, Revs. I. D. Wood and T. R. Bowles, ten months, $220.
Tulare, Revs. A. W. Webb and J. H. Storms, twelve months, $372.
Woodland, Rev. G. E. Good, twelve months, $300.

It will be seen by this statement that during the year twenty-one missionary pastors have been aided at a total expense of $3,891. Some facts concerning these fields are worthy of special mention.

Berkeley—This church has had a year of large success in their financial undertakings. They report total payments on their church debt of $3,436, leaving a debt of $3,500. The work has been most vigorously prosecuted by our efficient missionary, Rev. E. T. Whittemore, who is most popular with the young people of the University City. Ten new members have been received. Present membership, 54.

Napa—Early in the year Rev. A. J. Sturtevant was called to the pastorate of this church, sometime having elapsed since the departure of Missionary Archer. During the interim the work had been much neglected, and with consequent loss to the church. Since the settlement of the present pastor the members have rallied nobly to his support. In the autumn a revival spirit was noticeable, and Bro. Sturtevant began to gather the fruit of his own and previous work. Twenty-seven persons have been added to the fellowship of the church. Old debts have been paid and a handsome new organ purchased. Self support is expected at no distant day.

Redding and Anderson—The work at these points began a year ago and has been vigorously prosecuted during the past twelve months. The Redding edifice is now enclosed, and is a substantial building, which will cost about $3,000. The entire expense has been met on the field. The membership has doubled. Rev. M. U. Squire has succeeded Rev. W. R. Connelly in the oversight of these interests. He preaches in each place on the Lord's day. In addition he attends two Sunday Schools and four weekly prayer meetings. His work among the young people at Anderson has been very marked. He has an out-station at Millville, where we formerly had a church.

Sacramento—Emmanuel. This is new work undertaken this year in a growing section of the Capital City among 5,000 people who live more than a mile from other church privileges. Missionary Hutchins is approving himself "a workman who needeth not to be ashamed," and is giving evidence that his thorough preparation for the work at Yale College has not been in vain. The church is courageous and prosperous.

San Francisco—Emanuel. A handsome and splendidly appointed church edifice has been erected on Bartlett street, between Twenty-second and

Twenty-third streets. The property is valued at $30,000, on which rests a debt of $8,000. This church, although poor in purse and comparatively few in numbers, have responded most generously to the repeated calls that have been made upon them for this and other work. Missionary Dorsey and his estimable wife have accomplished, under God, what was considered by most persons an impossible task. In labors and self-sacrifice they have been unsurpassed by any of the agents of this Board. When it is remembered that there are 80,000 persons in the field occupied by this church, it will be seen that the erection of a suitable edifice marks an epoch in the history of our denomination in San Francisco. Twenty six have been added to the church in the year.

San Francisco—Hamilton Square. The year has witnessed considerable agitation looking toward a new and suitable building so as to meet the growing needs of 50 000 people who live in the section of the city in which this church is located. It is reported on the best authority that a friend of the church has made a conditional offer of a large sum towards this desirable object. The attention of the denomination in California is specially called to this field. It is felt that a large portion of our efforts during the coming year should be concentrated upon the Bay City. When it is remembered that one-fourth of the population of the State resides in San Francisco, and that as a denomination we have but two appropriate edifices for the use of the white Baptists of the city, it will be seen that there is great need for a third edifice in order to do suitable work among its thousands of residents.

San Jose—Emmanuel. The most efficient and successful work left by Pastor Bunyan Spencer when he assumed the Professorship in California College, was taken up by Rev. W. H. Stenger. The results have fully justified the wisdom of the choice. Forty have been added to the membership during the year. The Sunday School and congregation have constantly overcrowded the edifice, and plans for an immediate enlargement of the same have been adopted. This field, scarcely two years old, has proved one of the most responsive ever undertaken by our Board, having increased in membership from 25 to 68, and the Sunday School from 16 to 190, and having, without aid, acquired property valued at $3,200, which is without a cent of debt.

San Francisco—Swedish. Twenty-nine have been received during the year. $517 have been raised for benevolences and the beginning of an Edifice Fund. The efficient wife of Pastor Olsen labors conjointly with her husband on this field, being under appointment of the W. H. M. S. of the west. Our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to that Society for such a worker. Mrs. Olsen is a graduate of the Chicago Training School, and has had several years on the fields of her Society.

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue—This church was compelled to seek aid of the Board for a brief period before becoming self-sustaining. Superior work has been done. Sixteen members were received during the six months that

the church was under our care. The membership is now seventy-four, and they assume their own support henceforth. Pastor Fleming deserves the highest commendation in that he has led this church, in less than two years from its organization, to financial independence,

Tulare—The work begun by Bro. Webb was not allowed to stand still. His mantle has fallen upon a most worthy successor, in the person of Rev. J. H. Storms, late of Nebraska. The edifice has been completed and paid for, and $700 subscribed toward a parsonage, which will be erected on lots adjoining the church. At the out-station at Visalia a Baptist Church has been organized, and services are maintained each Lord's day evening. It would be of no less interest to give a detailed account of all the churches under the care of the Board did time permit. Without exception faithful and efficient service has been done, as will be seen by the following summary:,

Addition to membership, 305; weeks of labor, 793; sermons preached, 1,487; membership of mission churches, 1,307; contributed for current expenses, $7,870; improvements, $23,241; benevolences, $1,141; pupils in the Sunday Schools of the mission churches, 1,675.

In addition to the mission pastors, we have to mention the enlargement of our work by the addition of Rev. S. L. Sanford as missionary of the Clear Lake Association; Rev. I. D. Wood, missionary of the Central District, and Rev. W. R. Connelly, missionary in the Edifice Department.

Rev. S. L. Sanford began his work on January 1st. He has visited a number of weak churches, and has accomplished fully as much as could be expected in a mountainous country and during the storms of winter. A new edifice at Upper Lake is in immediate prospect as the result of his work.

District Missionary Wood also began his labors on January 1st. He has shepherded Baptist interests at Reedley, Selma, Sanger, Exeter and Porterville. He has received five persons by baptism, twenty-two by letter, opened up three preaching stations, traveled 1,428 miles, raised for pastoral support $500, and $800 toward a new church edifice at Reedley. Church organizations are to be perfected at Exeter and Porterville without delay. Brother Wood's district, in our judgment, represents the most available and responsive section of our State as regards Baptist work.

Early in the year it became apparent to your committee that, with the growing demand for cheap and attractive edifices for our young churches, a missionary should be appointed to take the oversight of this work. We were more than fortunate in securing the experience, perseverance and business ability of Rev. W. R. Connelly, who for many years has devoted himself chiefly to this form of Christian work. He has rendered valuable service at Sanger, Redding, Anderson, Madera, Merced, Mountain View, Middletown and Cloverdale. Under his direction the edifice at Redding has been erected and the moneys secured to pay for the same as far as completed.

Rev. W. H. Latourette has continued his labors under the Board for

another year. In that time he has traveled 15,990 miles, written 1,398 communications, performed fifty weeks of service, visited sixty-eight churches, and has, in the interests of our work, taken part in 231 meetings.

It is not too much to say that the present efficient condition of the work is very largely owing to the self-denying labors of our General Secretary. At times the strain upon his health has been such as to cause grave concern on the part of those who are privileged to know him most intimately.

During the year Bro. Latourette has declined an unsought-for invitation to represent the Missionary Union on the Pacific Coast. We congratulate him on the recognition of his work by the officers of that Society; but we congratulate ourselves most in that our brother will continue to serve Northern California in the Home Missionary work.

The plan of co-operation in the Church Edifice Department has been continued through the year on the liberal basis of three dollars for one, and the same is assured us for the coming year.

Aid has been granted in sums of $500 each to the Tulare and Sanger churches. Both have completed their edifices, and the former, having complied with the conditions, has received the gift. In this instance such an impetus was given to the work that at the time of dedication, March 29th, the church and community enthusiastically undertook to provide the means for a parsonage. The effort was highly successful and realized $800.

The offer of assistance at Sanger secured for us the erection of a house, and with it the gift of a lot on the principal business street. The land then rated at $200, is now worth $2,000. The W. H. M. S. of California has co-operated with the Board as in past years. Rev. W. R. Connelly, of Merced, has labored under the auspices of this Society. The ladies have raised for the support of their missionary $600, thus furnishing their pledged proportion, and $500 for the Merced edifice—every dime of which has been paid.

These amounts do not give the total raised by our energetic and enthusiastic sisters. Through their bureau of supplies, Mrs. S. C. Lillis, superintendent, $1,100 worth of useful clothing has been sent into the homes of needy pastors. The total amount raised by this Society for missionary work during the year is estimated at $2,368, as against $454 raised two years ago.

The past year has seen a new departure in the designation of a particular field and missionary to the financial aid of our Sunday Schools. The work of Tulare county was thus selected, and the contributions of the young people, chiefly through the Harvest Home Concerts, were appropriated to that purpose, with the result of enlarged offerings and increased interest in the work among the schools. Having thus pointed out some phases of the work of the past, it may be well for us to glance at the future.

There are at least ten new fields that must be undertaken the coming year.

These have forced themselves upon us. Others, equally needy and worthy, await our aggressive action. On at least six fields new edifices are to be built and aid for the same will be required.

In the opinion of your Board the work should be enlarged by securing the services of an Evangelist, whose duty, under the direction of the committee, shall be to labor with weak and pastorless churches, with the object of building them up spiritually and financially, and to occupy new fields of importance.

In view of the foregoing facts and for the enlargement of our work on the lines indicated, and as a thank-offering for the mercies of God on our work during the year just closed, the Board has decided to ask the churches for an increase of $1,000 above the sum at present raised, and for $500 extra for the edifice department. With these amounts raised and paid we shall not have sufficient to cover the barest necessities of the work.

The Board has recommended to the W. H. M. S. of California, as its special field for the coming year, Palo Alto and Baden, with the headquarters of Edifice Missionary Connelly at those points.

Your Board has felt that a greater impetus would be given to our work and a clearer understanding of the denominational needs of the Pacific Coast could the annual meetings of our National Societies be held in our State in 1892. It has, therefore, been decided to invite the said Societies to hold their next anniversary in San Francisco. We hope this action will meet with your approval, and that if not next year then a little later, we may have the pleasure of welcoming the representatives of Eastern Baptists to the Golden State.

The following proposed terms of co-operation between the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California and the Mission Churches and Pastors are recommended as a substitute for the present rules on appropriations. To be read to the church each time an application is made to the Board for aid.

A. AS TO CHURCHES.

1. The Board will consider applications for aid from such churches only as have settled pastors, or where their application complies with Article 2 below, the same being made in writing and containing definite information on the points indicated in the blank forms furnished by the Board.

2. Churches intending to apply for aid will be expected to counsel with the Board or its representative in the settlement of a pastor. The Board reserves the right to inquire into the record of a pastor, and to pass upon his special fitness for the field in question.

3. Churches applying for help must show that they have done their best, and are really unable to support their pastor. Churches will be expected to pay their part of the salary as promptly as they expect the Board to pay its

part. A failure on the part of the church to pay its pastor promptly and with regularity, will be sufficient reason for discontinuing the appropriation.

4. Appropriations will not be made simply because a church is weak and poor, nor to enable it to "hold its own," nor for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary or other debts. The money intrusted to the Board is for "aggressive" work, and will be used only where such is reasonably assured. Not the needs of the church, but the good it is capable of doing will be the determining factor with the Board. New, vigorous churches will have the preference as a rule.

5. Churches will be expected to decrease periodically the amount asked from the Board, and to increase the amount of their own payments to pastor's salary in the same ratio, thus looking to speedy self-support. If application is made after aid has been given two, or at the most three years, special explanation must be made as to the reasons therefor, otherwise the application will not be considered.

6. Every church receiving aid is expected to contribute to the treasury of the Convention.

7. The Board desires the churches to use the card, envelope and receipt system of weekly offerings to raise money for current expenses and for missionary objects.

8. Each church without a house of worship will be expected to secure a lot (on which to build) within one year from the time the appropriation is made.

9. Churches making application to the Church Edifice Fund for aid will be expected to submit their plans and estimates to the Board for approval before proceeding to build.

B. AS TO PASTORS.

1. Applicants for appointment shall have the privilege of addressing the Board relative to the condition of their respective fields, but no applicant shall be present while his application is being considered.

2. Missionary pastors, within three months after their appointment, shall become members of the church for which they are to labor. If a pastor is in charge of two or more churches, then he shall unite with one of the churches for which he is to labor.

3. Pastors aided by the Board are required to give their undivided time to their fields, not only in preaching on Sunday, but also in pastoral work during the week. They will not be allowed to engage in secular employment except by special permission of the Board.

4. Missionary pastors will be expected to thoroughly instruct their peo- in all the great missionary movements of the denomination, and to cultivate a spirit of systematic beneficence in their churches.

5. Missionary pastors are not to resign the care of the churches to which they have been appointed without first consulting the Board, in order that plans may be made to properly care for the work—in case a change is necessary. Those who fail to observe this rule will forfeit all claim to salary due and unpaid—at the discretion of the Board.

6. The Board considers that each missionary is in a peculiar sense a representative of the denomination. It insists therefore that he shall so manage his personal affairs—financial and otherwise—that no discredit shall come to the cause through him. No missionary will be continued in its employment who habitually fails to meet his personal obligations promptly, and thus brings reproach upon the cause.

WM. C. SPENCER,
Secretary Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Convention held this 29th day of April, 1891, the foregoing report of the Executive Committee to the Board was approved and adopted as the report of the Board to the Convention, and its recommendations adopted as the recommendations of the Board.

H. L. GEAR, President.
BENJ. C. WRIGHT, Secretary *ex-officio*.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by the following missionaries appointed by the Board: Rev. J. D. Green, of Biggs, Rev. A. Olsen, of San Francisco, Rev. W. H. Stenger, of San Jose, and Rev. I. D. Fleming, of Oakland. Revs. W. H. Latourette and W. R. Connelly also spoke. The vote on the adoption of the report was deferred until the Committee appointed on important subjects in the same should be heard.

Committee on New Churches reported applications from two churches to become members of the Convention. Report adopted as follows:

The Committee on New Churches beg leave to report that they have the letters requesting membership of the Swedish Baptist Church, of San Francisco, and that of the Beth Eden Baptist Church, of Oakland, before them, and having learned of their organization and recognition by Councils of delegates from Baptist Churches, do respectfully recommend that their delegates be received into this Convention.

G. E. GOOD,
S. P. DAVIS,
T. H. STEPHENS,
Committee.

The hand of fellowship was extended by President Henry to the representatives of these churches, Revs. A. Olsen and R. A. McGuinn.

Report of Committee on American Baptist Publication Society, prepared by Rev. Dr. Read, of Los Angeles, was read by Rev. Dr. J. H. Reider, of Rivera.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your Committee on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society beg leave to report:

1. That this National Society of our great Baptist Brotherhood is, in our opinion, worthy in all respects of the confidence, prayers and hearty support of all our people, North, South, East and West. This, more than any other of our great societies, tends us to unity of doctrine and harmony of church life and work and working in our great brotherhood. This is, we believe, and must be the pioneer in the restoration of that perfect denominational unity among all the Baptists of the United States which existed before the civil war, and which ought specially to be accomplished.

2. Grateful mention should be made of the good work done in this State the past year at the suggestion of Dr. Abbott, in furnishing literature to new Sunday Schools at Calistoga, Vacaville, Middletown, Orland, Malaga, San Pablo, Swedish Mission in San Francisco, Merced, Nipomo, Carpenteria, Potter Valley, Pinera and San Diego Second Church, all free of charge for three months. It has also donated pulpit Bibles to the churches in Chino, Bakersfield, Alhambra, Swedish Church of San Francisco, Nevada City, Bethseda Mission San Francisco, all valued at $24.50. It has also donated forty-five packages of tracts, valued at $1 each, to forty-five pastors. It furnished a $30 library to the church in Alhambra at 10 per cent. discount. It has donated 680 Bibles to our State, and made grants of literature, in all valued at $127.35. It has also donated Bibles in Danish, Swedish and Spanish to President Esterby, for Los Angeles University.

3. The effort to establish colporteur work in our State has been only partially successful. One has been employed in the Pacific Association. If such work could be done in all our Associations, it would enable the General Missionary (Dr. Abbott) to do his work more efficiently, as it would give him definite and accurate information from all parts of the great field. One thing only is necessary to secure additional colporteurs, viz: larger salaries offered, and a more liberal policy on the part of the Society and of this General Convention. And this we earnestly recommend. Not less than $600 should be paid to each colporteur, besides his expenses, and this amount independent of any commissions on books; and he should go as a missionary and not simply nor mainly as a peddler of books.

We ought to get our literature into the hands of the people, and trust to the future harvest of this good seed for reimbursement of the money expended. While Unitarians, Swedenborgians and Errorists of all classes are scattering their literature freely and without price, we ought to scatter the truth, and trust the God of truth.

4. We desire to record our admiration for the foresight and wisdom of our Society, in providing for the new movement among our Baptist young people, looking towards distinctive organization and in publishing "Our Young People at Work." It seems to be manifest destiny that our Baptist young people will have their own distinctive organizations. This is rendered necessary by such organizations in the other great denominations. But more than by this movement in other bodies such an organization seeming necessary for Baptists as a matter of loyalty to Christ and His truth. The radical principle of the Baptists is the doctrine of the Supreme authority and all sufficiency of the Scriptures. This, firmly and consistently held and carried into practice, and we are Baptists; this held loosely or evasively with a but or an if, and we are not Baptists, but have already started towards Rome. Our young people, of all others, most need and will most profit by instruction in Baptist doctrines, and the very fact of organizing them on our distinctive principles will be an educational force of immense value. We are now in the midst of the tremendous drift, away from sound doctrines foretold by the Scriptures, and to us now as in the past, our Lord Jesus looks to preserve the faith till he comes. Let us see to it that we hold fast that which we have received that no man take our crown. "Our Young People at Work," is not only timely in its appearance, but already able and efficient, taking its place in the front rank as an able and vigorous and staunch paper, leading and organizing all the forces which enter into this grand movement. Its introduction into any church will prepare the way for Baptists organizations where they do not exist, and will strengthen those already existing.

Where other organizations of Young People exist great care should be exercised not to produce division or unpleasant feeling, but we should trust to God and to time and to the power of the great movement which will soon attain an irresistible momentum. Baptists will be, must be Baptists, a peculiar people, now as of old, everywhere spoken against, and so in self-defense and in mutual sympathy, driven and drawn into closer fellowship with each other and with their Master and Lord. Let us then by all means introduce, as far as possible, this paper into all our families.

And we desire to suggest that all our Young People Societies, of whatever name, procure for themselves Baptist libraries, similar to the one recommended by a committee of the Los Angeles Baptist Association. This consists of twenty-four books and pamphlets and costs only $5.30, or leaving off the list one large book, the rest can be had for $3.30.

In conclusion, we ask liberty to suggest that as far as possible we patronize the American Baptist Publication Society in the purchase of all Sunday School

supplies and of all tracts for general distribution, and of all Bibles and books for ourselves, since the surplus of all the business profits are turned over to the benevolent department. The Society works for us and let us work for them. This is the law of love as well as of interest.

In behalf of the Committee,

D. READ,
G. O. HAYFORD.

Under motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. C. J. Thompson and others. A resolution pertaining to the report was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Report adopted.

President Henry appointed the following additional committees:

Important Subject in Executive Committee's Report—Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Rev. C. Winbigler, Rev. C. J. Thompson, E. H. Parker, J. P. Parker.

Nomination of Directors—Rev. Dr. E. H. Gray, H. L. Gear, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, C. N. Whitmore, Rev. George E. Duncan.

Place and Appointment—Rev. S. K. Dexter, P. D. Code, F. F. Faw, Rev. B. F. Huddleson, Rev. M. G. Bradley.

Obituaries—Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., E. R. Stockwell, Rev. E. B. Hatch.

Chinese Mission Work—Rev. A. W. Runyan, Rev. J. D. Green, Rev. W. H. Stenger, J. L. Lyon.

Resolutions—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. B. Spencer, Rev. Ray Palmer, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Rev. A. M. Russell.

Trustees California College—Rev. W. T. Jordan, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, C. F. Baker, Rev. W. H. Randall, Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

Report on Sunday Schools, prepared by Rev. S. S. Fisk, and read by Rev. W. W. Willis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following report:

Through information furnished by Dr. Abbott, and gained by personal observation, we find the Sunday Schools of the State in a highly prosperous condition. There has been not only a marked increase in attendance in schools previously established, but also a number of new schools organized.

The mission schools, in some instances, have outgrown in numbers the parent school, and are likely to result in the organization of churches.

Destitute places are being looked after, and where a church cannot be planted, there the children are gathered and taught the word of God. Thus our churches and Christian workers are waking up to the importance of beginning to form character in early life (on the basis of the Bible), if they would have strong Christion character in maturer years.

But few of the schools reported are on the union basis; and as in union schools there is a necessary restraint in teaching our distinctive views, we deem it inadvisable for a Baptist to so enter into this sentimental union idea as to place himself in such a position that he cannot teach the children to observe "All things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Nearly all our schools are loyal to and are using the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The mission spirit is also being developed, and there is quite a general observance of "Childrens'" and "Bible day."

The standard of teaching is advancing, and new and improved methods of instruction are being adopted. There is also a growing feeling that the Sunday School is not for children alone, and the older ones are coming into the Bible Classes reverently, to hear God speak out of His Word.

In all this there is reason for profound gratitude to God, that he is laying his consecrating hand upon the agents who, under him, are bringing about these grand results. Chief among these agents are Dr. Abbott, our State Sunday School Missionary, and his most efficient wife. Through their personal visits to individual schools, and their institutes, there has come an inspiration and uplifting all along the line of Sunday School work.

We present the statistical report as far as schools have been heard from.

Reports received from 87 Sunday Schools; attendance, 6,141; average attendance, 5,339; also 22 Mission Schools.

There are certain recommendations that we consider properly come within the scope of this report.

1. We would emphasize the importance of schools providing themselves with a liberal supply of the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society. Get them in preference to all others, for they are equal to any in literary merit, and in sound, direct and loyal interpretation of the Word of God they stand at the head. They are faithful to the doctrines of Christ; and we cannot overestimate the importance of indoctrinating the children if

we would have them "hold fast to the profession of their faith without wavering," in after life.

The prime object in Sunday School teaching, as in all Christian work, is to lead to Jesus. And does not doctrine do this? It is popular in some quarters to talk about putting more stress upon right living and less upon doctrine. Right doctrine is God's teaching on any given subject, and right living is right doctrine practiced, so that you cannot separate right doctrine from right practice. With our own publications in the hands of our children we are safe, and while some other publications may not attack our distinctive views, they do not speak out boldly for the truth, and sins of omission are sometimes as great as sins of commission.

Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., 118 Eleventh street, Oakland, who has for years supplied the Sunday Schools of California with these publications, and who is still the agent of the Society, will cheerfully and promptly attend to all your orders.

2. We recommend that the schools provide themselves with the libraries of our own Publication Society. The value of a good book in the hands of the child can hardly be overestimated. If you sow good seed you will have a good crop, if tares, an evil harvest will follow. We need these books for the formation of the mind; we need them that we may choke out and push to the wall the pernicious literature of the day with which our children are coming in contact. When poison has been taken the physician wastes no time in giving an antidote. A good book is the best antidote of evil. Milton wrote:

"A good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured on purpose to a life beyond."

The libraries of the American Book Publication Society are safe, every book being carefully examined before being sent out.

Mr. Geo. Walker, of San Francisco, the genial and accommodating agent will gladly give you all information and furnish you with libraries.

3. We recommend that in every way possible our schools and Sunday School workers come in contact with our State Sunday School Missionary. We should encourage him in his work while he is helping us and doing the work of the Lord. It will do you good to have him come into your school; it will lift you up and give you a more exalted idea of the dignity and importance of your work, to attend the institutes that he is holding. They are training schools and the instruction given by him, with the magic blackboard exercises by Mrs. Abbott, should be heard and seen by all who would become more efficient teachers.

4. We recommend that greater attention be given to the furnishing of complete returns of the Sunday School work in the church letters. Every letter to Association or Convention should contain a full account of the Sunday Schools and should be printed with the minutes.

Will not the clerks see that proper blanks are furnished?

5. We recommend that such statistical items, or other brief notices as may be of value to our people, be printed in the minutes.

S. S. FISK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOOT NOTES BY OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY.

1. In order to understand some peculiar features of our Sunday School work in California, which we were unable to bring out at the Anniversaries, it may be well to mention that in our lumber and mining districts, our small towns move from place to place, or the Sunday School moves at the convenience of the people. Like the Arabs, they "fold their tents and silently steal away."

2. A work which I should like to see done in California would be the establishment of Sunday Schools on our large ranches. But few children would attend because few are to be found on these ranches, but the schools would be composed of the workers on the ranches, for the Sunday Schools of the future will not be for the children only. Mr. Garnett, of Dixon, has already spoken of his desire to commence this Sunday School work on his mountain ranches. Let others follow this good example.

3. Home schools should be honored, such as that of Mrs. H. R. Crocker, of Sequoia, Tuolumne County, Cal. All alone by herself with a few neighbors, she must have her Home Bible Sunday School. We see in this a whole advancing army of family recruits, dependent on no church bell, on no large Sunday School, but mindful of the duty and privilege of each household to study God's word and especially on the Lord's day. This would be a setting of the family apart, as God has wisely designed it, for unspeakable blessing to our race.

4. As during a good part of last year, for the year to come the Sunday School Missionary of California will visit as many of the schools as possible, and meet as many of our Sunday School officials with their teachers and pastors as he can arrange with to do so. He knows that personal interviews with superintendents and teachers, together with pastors, as a rule, results in a better and more permanent work than any stereotyped form of public service. Our Sunday School situation as it is can be found and improved upon only by fuller and more free intercourse.

5. Next to the Bible, for biblical study, let us ever and anon put the Bible. In other words let the Bible throw light on the Bible, or, which is the same thing, let biblical study be waited on by all the ministries of first-class Concordances, Commentaries and Expositions. Of these our own American Baptist Publication Society, in its splendid list of Helps, not Substitutes, merits continual patronage and praise. So may it serve our Sunday Schools all over our State for a long time to come.

GRANVILLE S. ABBOTT,

Sunday School Missionary for California, 118 Eleventh Street, Oakland, Cal.

Under motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. W. W. Willis, Rev. Ray Palmer, George Walker, C. F. Baker and C. W Dearborn. Last named gentleman had a resolution pertaining to the report, which was ordered referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Rev. W. T. Jordan also had a resolution, which took the same course. Report adopted.

Committee on Programme reported for afternoon session and the report was adopted.

Convention took a recess until 2 P. M., after prayer by Rev. George E. Duncan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order at 2 P. M.; prayer by Rev. J. H. Reider of Rivera.

Report on Home Missions was read by Rev. W. H. Randall.

REPORT ON AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society has grown, in fifty-nine years, into one of the great religious enterprises of our land. Detailed reports of its widely extended activities during the year 1890-91 will soon be given at the annual meeting in Cincinnati. No society of any denomination holds the confidence of the people more perfectly by the fulness of its published accounts and statistics; none has kept in touch more closely with the sentiments of the churches. The terms of its constitution place a share in its government within reach of every church that will contribute $10 a year to its treasury and send a delegate to its annual meeting.

Readers of the excellent Home Mission Monthly, which ought to be "known and read of all," may trace the history of every department of the great work. There is interest and inspiration to a Christian heart in following the grand developments along every line; as, for example, from the self-sacrificing labors of Solomon Peck and Henry J. Ripley among the freedmen at Port Royal and Savannah in 1862, to our twenty-three schools now, with 4,800 pupils, half a million dollars in buildings, and $132,000 in endowments, and with 2,000 conversions reported in eight years. The records of any one of them, as of Shaw University, from that humble Bible class opened in the old Guion Hotel in Raleigh, December 1, 1865, to its present standing, possessed of the finest educational appliances in North Carolina, and thousands of successful Christian men and women as alumni, would make a story worth the telling.

It is saddening, and yet there is rich encouragement for persistent faith, to read of the Indian missions, their earlier prosperity in Michigan and

Georgia, the captivities and reverses that befell them, and now to look at their hopeful promise for the future.

How marvelous is the expansion of our foreign work at home, within forty years, among French, German, Swedes, Chinese, and beyond our own border, in Mexico, until now the foreign missionaries of our Home Mission Society are preaching in nine languages, and have more than 37,000 Baptist church members!

How vast is the good represented by the report of the unostentatious Church Edifice Fund, which in ten years has helped about 1,200 churches to own a home; securing $4 for every $1 so bestowed!

Who can follow the course of the history without exclaiming, "What hath God wrought," since the sainted Allen B. Freeman founded the first Baptist Church in Chicago; and John M. Peck, Ebenezer Loomis and many others equally true and noble were toiling through the northwest, and Ezra Fisher and his brave associates were pushing farther still, toward Oregon; and a little later, when a missionary of this Society, the honored Osgood C. Wheeler, whose departure "in a full age" we are mourning for to-day, landed on February 28, 1849, in San Francisco, and gathered the first Sunday School and Protestant church upon this coast?

These results, which we see, are not fruits of an ordinary kind; but the seed which falls into good ground upon this new continent is destined to be multipled in blessing for all nations a hundred fold; while in some stagnant, inert country of the older world it might produce sixty or thirty fold. Nothing is needed to enlist effort and kindle enthusiasm for missions in our churches, except to become closely familiar with the facts. And to secure this is a peculiarly important duty of the pastors.

The Committee would recommend that the Convention urge strongly upon the churches of the State, as a matter of apostolic precedent and Christian privilege, to adopt the policy of supporting all our religious enterprises by the systematic, weekly offerings of all, from every one according to his ability.

WM. H. RANDALL.

After a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. S. K. Dexter and Rev. J. Whitlock. Report adopted.

Dr. Hartwell renewed his motion, made a year ago, to amend by-laws, rule VII, by adding to standing committees one on Chinese Mission Work. Motion adopted.

The interests of the *Leader*, the organ of the denomination in the State, were presented by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Rev. C. Winbigler, H. L. Gear, Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. W. T. Jordan, Rev. C. E. Harris and Rev. W. C. Spencer.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. C. E. Harris.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Christ on earth is just one work and it is performed on just one field. That field is the world; then why Foreign Missions? Who made them "foreign," and when? Did the mission founders? Is the term found in the nomenclature or warranted by biblical teaching?

That missions, not only at the antipodes, but nearer home, are "foreign" to the knowledge and sympathy of a not inconsiderable proportion of those claiming the rights and privileges of "God's dear children," goes without saying. The unheeded groans of the prisoners, the desperate appeals for funds by our regularly constituted agencies, the tearful pleadings of our brethren to come over and help them, and the altogether inadequate response to all these furnishes indubitable and overwhelming proof that Christ's missions across the seas are foreign to very many, if not the majority of His people.

It is hardly the province of this report to discuss the causes or suggest remedies for this unfortunate phase of mission work. It is rather our province to indicate God's attitude towards missions, as at once furnishing motive and reason for the correction of the deplorable feature noted above.

If His providence is susceptible of interpretation, and we are at all capable of reading the message, two or three divine characteristics undoubtedly manifest themselves as witnesses to God's attitude concerning them. We note that missions ever have been and are First—schools of faith. Every mission station has been founded in faith. As Abraham of old went out, not knowing whither, to pre-empt a land which should afterwards be the chosen and sacred arena for the activities of Israel's King and the world's Redeemer, so have our missionaries gone out, in darkness and distress to "file a claim" and "prove up" by toil and sacrifice what might afterwards be accepted by Him whose they were and whom they served. In the name of the Lord of Hosts they builded their altars, and in that name tended the fires and laid themselves sacrifices thereon. And no less faith has been exercised by those who have stood by and with their prayers and means made possible and effective what our pioneers and leaders in mission work have attempted. It has called for heroic faith to go down into the mine; it has required sustaining and prevailing faith to hold the ropes. And thus, as in no other way, and perhaps in greatest degree, has God taught His people faith, the faith which is the equivalent and synonym for the victory which overcometh the world. Second—Repositories of Blessing. Every unprejudiced observer is an emphatic witness to the truth of this proposition. A mission station is the center of light and life Mind and morals, body and habitat respond alike to the quickening, purifying, uplifting influence of missionary effort. Like rivers in high places and fountains in the midst of the valleys, God, through missions, is making the wilderness a

pool of water, and the dry land springs of water, where He hath planted the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the oil tree, the fir, pine and box tree together, that the world may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy one of Israel hath created it. Not only so, but the reflex influence of missions has proved no less a fountain of life. When Judson came to the Baptists the question was not so much "what shall we do with him?" as it was "what shall we do with his cause?" And when, as a denomination, we took both the man and his cause to our hearts, it was as though the "Rock of Salvation" had been smitten, and its stream of refreshing had burst forth anew, of whose vigor and life our Baptist Israel is still partaking.

Under God America has blessed Burma, but in no less degree, and in far greater extent, Burma has blessed every Christian nation under the sun.

Third—Signal displays of God's power. The greatest moral and spiritual victories since Pentecost have been achieved on mission fields. The greatest contrasts of light amid the blackness of earth's darkness are shown in heathen lands. The greatest displays of divine power, as witnessed by the Spirit's outpouring, have been, and are to-day, seen amidst the untoward surroundings of paganism. Contrast Oung Pen La, where Judson writhed in torment with the Christian church just completed at Mandalay, where his spiritual children worship in joy and peace. Compare the horrid practices of what for ages has been Darkest Africa, with the wonderful revival at Banza Manteke not many months since. Compare the "lone star" which paled and almost went out, with the sun which, without a rival in the mission firmament, now lights up the former darkness of the Telugu land. How all glorious is the power that hath utilized the weak and ignoble things of earth to confound her wisdom and might, and again emphasize the declaration that no flesh shall boast in His presence.

These three characteristics of our mission interests—not to mention others perhaps no less striking—seem to indicate the estimate in which the Almighty holds them. And certainly we must conclude that they lie close to His heart, and that He has committed His power, with the infinite wealth of His affection, to their nurture and final triumph.

But another, and no less striking feature is the wonderful manner in which God is moving the hearts of His people in this and other Christian lands in behalf of missions. Manifestly we are entering the outer circles of a general if not unusual missionary revival. East and west, north and south, the waters are troubled The calls from China, India, Africa and Japan awaken a response that is taking shape and activity in the more general distribution of and interest in missionary intelligence among the churches; the hearty and sympathetic support accorded mission representatives; and most noteworthy of all, the almost spontaneous uprising among our youth in college and seminary, who are volunteering their services to this great enterprise. That over 6,000 young men and women are now enrolled among such volunteers, of whom over 300 have already sailed, and the movement growing in

intensity and power every day, is a fact whose significance can hardly be overestimated, and whose meaning can hardly be misinterpreted. Does it not suggest that God is bringing into requisition a new leverage and mighty with which to uplift and overturn the kingdom of darkness.

It seems to your committee that the above phases and facts of mission work can be set opposite the less hopeful phases and facts indicated at the beginning of this report, and that, striking a balance, we find the Lord's work on the earth gaining ground, and the incentives to hopefulness, prayerfulness, beneficence and sacrifice increasingly abundant.

In closing we have to say, and with gratitude, that along with the general prosperity God has given us in this State, and amid the other vital and pressing interests at our hands, the work of foreign missions has not been forgotten or neglected. The Baptists of California are on record as missionary Baptists. Not that we have done great things, but we have done not a little. We have kept this part of the work apace with our other interests, and the end is not yet.

And we wish to speak with special reference to what our sisters are so successfully accomplishing along this line. They are well abreast if not in advance of their brethren, and what is to their special credit, their work both as to amount and quality favorably compares, if it does not actually surpass, with what is being done by their sisters in any other State. All honor to these handmaidens of our Lord, who, with patience, toil, carefulness and overcoming faith, are speaking to us, and through their own missionaries to the elect of God across the seas, announcing the burden of a glorious Gospel and the dawning of a better day.

C. E. HARRIS.

A motion was made to adopt the report, but the hour having passed, the Convention gave way for an hour to allow the Woman's Home Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society to present a brief outline of their work for the year, and their hopes and ambitions for the future.

Rev. W. R. Connelly made a brief talk in the interest of the former Society, and Rev. C. Winbigler for the latter Society. The officers of both societies thanked the Convention for the courtesies extended to them, as well as for the collection given for their work.

The Convention resumed its work. Rev. C. H. Hobart advocated the adoption of the report on Foreign Missions. It was adopted.

The Committee on Important Subjects in Executive Committee's Report, made a report.

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS IN REPORT OF BOARD.

1. The continued co-operation of the Home Mission Society, with a thousand dollars increase of appropriation.

2. The number of conversions and additions to the churches, and the amount contributed for improvements and benevolences was never greater than during the year just ended.

3. The appointment of Rev. W. R. Connelly as Edifice Missionary. Houses are greatly needed in several important towns and cities. The Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco, should have a building at once. Our interests in the town of Sanger will greatly suffer unless money is soon forthcoming.

4. The contemplated appointment of a State Evangelist,

J. HERNDON GARNETT.
C. WINBIGLER.

Under a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. T. R. Bowles, Rev. P. W. Dorsey. Report adopted; also Executive Committee's report.

An appeal for $250 for the church at Sanger by Rev. Mr. Bowles, met with a prompt and full response.

Report of Committee on Directors for Convention was presented, and the Secretary was ordered to cast ballot of Convention for the same. This being done, the gentlemen were declared elected.

CONVENTION DIRECTORS.

Your Committee on the nomination of Directors for the ensuing year report the following names, and recommend that they be elected: Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. George E. Duncan, Joseph Plaw, Rev. C. H. Hobart, H. E. McCune, Rev. H. G. De Witt, C. S. Bareford, Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Rev. W. C. Spencer, Rev. F. N. Baker, C. N. Whitmore.

H. L. GEAR,
Chairman of Committee.

Report on Place and Appointments for next year was presented.

PLACE AND PREACHERS.

The Committee on Place and Preachers would respectfully recommend as the place for our next meeting, Twin Lakes. Time, Tuesday preceding last Sunday in June. Preacher of the annual sermon before the Convention next year, Rev. E. B. Hatch; alternate, Rev. C. H. Hobart.

S. K. DEXTER, Chairman.

Under a motion to adopt report, a very general interchange of opinions was given on the recommendation of the committee to change the time of meeting. Report adopted.

Treasurer Strong read a summary of his report to the Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for account of the Mission Fund from April 11, 1890, to April 29, 1891, are as follows:

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue Church	$ 23 50
Home Missions, special collections	66 20
Maxwell, Church	9 30
Fresno, Church	145 00
Collection at Convention	15 25
Oakland, Tenth Avenue Church	137 80
Rev. Dr. Morse	25 00
Rev. S. D. Wood	25 00
Vacaville, Church	10 00
Ceres, Church	5 00
Dixon, Church	113 10
Ukiah, Mrs. J. Todd	100 00
O. H. Gallup	26 75
Calvary Church, Sacramento	81 50
San Francisco, Swedish Church	50 50
Alameda, Church Ladies' Aid	10 00
San Francisco, Chinese	10 00
H. Lawrence	10 00
Sacramento, Mrs. Harris	5 00
Benicia, Mrs. Tarbox	5 00
Stockton, Mrs. Ralph	5 00
Oakland, Young Ladies, First Church	5 00
Alameda, Mrs. Fielding	5 00
Riverside, Rev. Winbigler	5 00
Oakland, Mrs. Young	1 00
Biggs, Church	4 60
Biggs, Sunday School	2 35
Santa Cruz, First Church	40 60
Santa Cruz, Second Church	8 00
Cloverdale, Mrs. Beasley	8 50
W. H. Latourette, Alameda	100 00
Vallejo, Church	31 00
Vallejo, Rev. S. K. Dexter	5 00
Vallejo, Sunday School	6 50
San Francisco, Emmanuel Church	69 60
Petaluma, Rev. J. Downie	16 95
San Jose, First Church	94 25
Willows	132 40
Willows, Sunday School	16 05
St. Helena	9 10
Healdsburg, Sunday School	11 10
Stockton, Church	33 80

Stockton, Sunday School	$ 7 00
Alameda, Sunday School	16 50
Alameda, Church	119 80
Sacramento River Association, Coll.	14 10
Central Association, Coll.	4 65
San Francisco, German Church	5 00
Salinas, Church	5 00
Gonzales, Church	4 00
Mountain View	2 00
Santa Clara, Sunday School	6 83
Sacramento, Calvary Sunday School	11 00
Sacramento, First Church Sunday School	20 00
Sacramento, First Church	103 50
Sacramento, Baptist Union	50 00
Dixon, Sunday School	21 00
Winters, Church	28 35
Winters, Sunday School	5 10
Penryn, Church	22 60
Penryn, Sunday School	7 60
Oakland, Thirty-first Street Mission Sunday School	9 25
Woman's Home Mission Society for Missionary Salary	633 20
Chico, Sunday School	7 50
San Francisco, First Church	100 00
Napa, Church	19 00
San Francisco, Hamilton Square Sunday School	13 00
San Francisco, Hamilton Square Church	43 20
Santa Rosa, Church	72 85
Santa Rosa, Sunday School	11 50
Oakland, First Church Sunday School	26 05
Richard Bayne, Colusa	25 00
Clear Lake Association	90 00
Anderson, Sunday School	2 25
Oakland	5 50
Oakland, First Church	269 10
Woodland, Church	29 80
Eureka, Sunday School	2 50
San Jose, Emmanuel Church	50 00
Tulare, Sunday School	4 00
Los Gatos, Church	18 50
Los Gatos, Sunday School	16 15
Selma, Church, per I. D. Wood	10 00
Garfield, Church, per I. D. Wood	5 00
Harmon, Church, per I. D. Wood	7 00
Porterville, Church, per I. D. Wood	5 00
Exeter, Church, per I. D. Wood	4 55
M. S. Featherstone	2 00
Gonzales, Church	20 00
Gonzales, Sunday School	10 00
C. N. Whitmore and wife	60 00
Church, unknown	10 00
Sacramento, Emmanuel Church	10 00
Receipts for Mission Fund	$3,530 63
Paid American Baptist Home Mission Society and Missionaries in California	$3,764 38

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND RECEIPTS.

Gonzales	$ 5 00
Oakland, Tenth Avenue	16 50
Santa Cruz, Second Church	8 00
Chico, First Church	10 00
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society	500 00
Berkeley, Sunday School	5 00
Alameda, Mrs. Haley	10 00
Pacific Association	13 91
Hamilton Square, San Francisco	7 75
Dixon, Church	21 30
Napa, Church	10 00
Emmanuel, Sacramento	5 00
Dividend on money in bank	15 70
Penryn, Church	5 00
Santa Rosa, R. Crane	5 00
Vallejo, to aid Cloverdale	10 00
St. Helena, Church	1 60
Redding, Church	75 00
Orland, Church	3 00
Lassen, Butte Co	11 00
Anderson	48 60
Madera, Church	50
Stockton, First Church, C. D	12 30
Sacramento, Calvary Church, C. D	13 45
Alameda, Sunday School	10 10
Oakland, First Church Sunday School	21 00
Selma, Sunday School	4 40
Santa Cruz, First Sunday School	6 05
Redding, Mission Chapel	5 00
Chico, Sunday School	3 75
Reno, Church	11 00
Total Receipts	$874 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

W. B. H. M. Society, report of W. J. Connolly	$131 10
Deposited in Oakland Bank of Savings	697 70
Balance in treasury	99 96
Total	$928 76
Less amount included in previous Report	53 85
Total	$874 91

MINUTES AND GENERAL EXPENSE.

San Francisco, German Baptist Church	$ 2 00
Monrovia, Church	2 00
Healdsburg, Church	2 00
Ukiah, Church	3 00
Wheatland, Church	1 50
Santa Cruz, Church	2 00
Oakland, Swedish Church	2 00
Pomona, Church	3 00

Oakland, San Pablo Church	$ 2 00
Eureka, Church	2 00
Alameda, Church	2 50
Riverside, Church	5 00
San Francisco, Third Baptist Church	2 50
Winters, Church	2 00
Los Gatos, Church	2 00
Los Angeles, First Church	5 00
Gonzales, Church	50
Santa Rosa, Church	3 50
Vallejo, Church	2 00
Napa, Church	3 00
Penryn, Church	50
Cloverdale, Church	1 25
San Jose, First Church	5 00
Los Angeles, Tabernacle	2 00
Dixon, Church	5 00
Modesto, Second Church	2 00
Stockton, Third Church	50
Visalia, Church	20
St. Helena, Miss E. Pratt	1 00
Stockton, First Church	3 00
Lompoc, Church	45
San Francisco, First Church	5 00
San Francisco, Chinese Church	1 00
Santa Barbara, Church	1 40
Santa Anna, Church	3 00
Redlands, Church	1 00
San Francisco, Emmanuel Church	3 00
Pasadena, Church	3 00
R. E. Osborne	15
Mrs. S. C. Lillis	25
Woman's Home Mission Society	34 10
Baptist Educational Society	3 20
Los Angeles Association	8 40
Total	$134 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Board order to renew judgment	$ 12 00
Leader Publishing Co	74 45
J. B. Hartwell	8 35
Leader Publishing Co., balance on Minutes	55 35
Leader Publishing Co	6 75
Leader Publishing Co	45 00
Total	$201 90

SUMMARY.

Cash April 10, 1890	$1,135 37
Received for Home Missions	3,530 63
Received Church Edifice Fund	874 91
Received for Minutes and General Expense	134 90
Cash and receipts	$5,675 81

Paid A. B. H. M. Society and Missionaries in California	$3,764 38
Paid A. B. H. M. Society for church edifice	131 10
Paid for minutes and general expenses	201 90
Cash April 29, 1891	1,578 43
Disbursements and cash	$5,675 81

Cash on hand April 29, 1891, accounted for as follows:

In Oakland Bank of Savings	$697 70
In hand of Treasurer	880 73
Cash April 29, 1891	$1,578 43

W. R. STRONG, Treasurer.

Above account examined and found correct.

C. F. BAKER, Auditor.

Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz, April 30, 1891.

The report having been audited, it was adopted.

A committee from Southern California presented a petition from the Missionary Board in that part of the State, asking the consent of the Convention to organize a new Convention for the southern counties of the State.

PETITION FOR NEW CONVENTION.

To the General Baptist Convention of California, in Session at Santa Cruz April 29 and 30, 1891:

DEAR BRETHREN—At the last annual meeting of the Los Angeles Baptist Association, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The distance between the centers of action in our denomination in this State is, in round numbers, five hundred miles, thus rendering it very difficult to attend our meetings in either portion of the State; and

WHEREAS, We, in this section, are now in fact doing Convention work, having our Board of Missions and Education, and our own field of labor being the north line of Kern County and all south thereof; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the time has fully come when it is our duty and privilege to separate and organize ourselves, with other Associations and churches in our field, into a Southern California Baptist State Convention.

By subsequent motion, "the details necessary to make the resolution operative were committed to the Missionary Executive Committee" of the Association.

Among other details, the above committee, voicing the sentiment of the entire Association, deem it a matter of essential courtesy that this body now in session be officially advised of the contemplated action, and asked to give fraternal sanction to the same.

Therefore the undersigned, Chairman and Clerk of the Missionary Executive Committee, and also Clerk of the Los Angeles Association, extend to this Convention the Christian greetings of the above named body, and hereby submit the proposition as embodied in the foregoing.

Los Angeles, April 21, 1891.

(Signed) W. H. PENDLETON,
Chairman Executive Committee.
C. E. HARRIS,
Clerk Executive Committee.

Rev. S. K. Dexter offered a resolution bearing on the subject matter of the petition.

CONVENTION ACTION ON PETITION.

Whereas, Our brethren in the southern part of the State, have through their action in the Los Angeles Association and their Mission Executive Committee indicated to us officially their desire to form themselves into a separate convention body, and

Whereas, They have through their chosen messengers, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., and Rev. C. E. Harris, in a communication this day received, stated to us their reasons and convictions for such action, and earnestly asked us as a body, with whom they have hitherto been pleasantly associated, to approve and sanction their action and grant their separation from us from this date; therefore

Resolved. That we, recognizing the validity of their reasons for a separate organization, do hereby grant their request, wishing them great success in their work for Christ in their own chosen field, and praying that the Great Head of the Church, our common Redeemer, will crown with His lasting favor both their action and ours.

A motion to adopt the resolution drew out remarks from Rev. Dr. Gray and Rev. W. H. Latourette, commending the object of the petition, and wishing the brethren in the southern part of the State all possible blessings. Resolution adopted.

Dr. Pendleton thanked the Convention, on behalf of the petitioners, for its words of God-speed.

Committee on Obituaries, through Dr. Pendleton, asked for

privilege of sending report to Executive Committee as soon as prepared and in time for minutes. Agreed to.

OBITUARY REPORT.

The annual roll of departed worthies is again called; and we pause while we inscribe thereon the honored names of other brethren, who, in the midst of the strife have fallen, and over their precious memory we bend with throbbing hearts.

The minutes of the several associations into which our Baptist family in the State is divided, contain their usual death records, and in these are found the names of many whom God has honored and who now from their labors rest. Over the loss of these, so full of local interest, the several churches mourn and we would herein extend to such churches and to the bereaved households our tenderest sympathies.

Your committee feel that mention should be made in this report only of those whose connection with this Convention and its work, and those whose names are so closely identified with our denominational life and work in its broader scope, that their decease more specially and strongly appeal to us to "lay it well to heart."

Of these, and in the order of their demise, are Rev. Abner Webb, who was among us truly a "father in Israel." For many years a faithful missionary on the foreign field where his memory will be fragrant for years yet to come; a "Master Workman" whose pious devotion, able ministrations, wise foresight and tireless zeal in the Master's service, "far away from home and kindred," entitled him and secured for him the fullest appreciation of those who were honored in sustaining him from year to year; in beauty of Christian character, in loveliness of piety unfeigned, and in every personal adornment as a follower of Him whom he preached to others: "Father Webb" was an example for all who live to commend the grace of God and the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. A. W. Webb, of Tulare, a devoted and efficient Home Missionary under the Board of this Convention, and a brother beloved and cherished by all who knew him. Cut down in the very prime of life, in the midst of successful and varied work, his memorials yet remain for Baptists in coming years to look upon, thanking God that such consecrated men have lived to plant and reap and build in the Savior's name, on these shores.

Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D. This reverend brother and servant of our Lord was gathered home at a ripened age on Thursday, April 16th, 1891. To his memory a page in the minutes of this Convention in the special historical department will be specially dedicated. Your committee therefore refrain from any further notice of this widely known brother in this report.

Dear brethren, these our fellow laborers in the cause of Christ, are from us gone; gone to be with Him whom, living, they lovingly served and in whom they peacefully died. "Their works follow with them." We who

yet remain are admonished to be faithful in our "high calling," and to be ever true to every sacred trust.

Signed for the Committee,

WM. H. PENDLETON,
E. B. HATCH,
E. R. STOCKWELL.

Committee on Trustees for California College submitted following names for the Class of 1891, to be voted for by College Trustees at the annual meeting.

TRUSTEES FOR CALIFORNIA COLLEGE.

In place of those whose terms expire in 1891: C. H. Hobart, J. L. Beecher, Z. S. Orcutt, San Jose; P. D. Code, Robert Crane, A. L. White, D. D. Hudson, H. E. McCune. In place of Dr. O. C. Wheeler, J. G. Levensaler, San Francisco.

W. T. JORDAN.

Report of Committee on Chinese Mission Work was submitted.

WORK AMONG THE CHINESE.

Your committee on missionary work among the Chinese in California wish to submit the following report:

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the work on this coast. Of the ten missions reported last year all have been successfully prosecuted during this year, and in addition the work being carried on in Los Angeles has been adopted by the Society, and Mrs. E. A. Fitch has been placed in charge of the mission at Sacramento; Miss Willsie has been appointed to give her whole time to the work there.

Mr. Fung Yuet Mau has been appointed a Missionary to labor at out stations in California.

Miss C. J. White has returned from Chicago under appointment of the Woman's Missionary Society, to labor in San Francisco.

Lee To, recently baptized by Rev. F. Dixon of Oakland, is now doing efficient work at San Francisco.

Mrs. Laura Baker has been appointed as co-laborer with Mrs. Bradbury in Oakland.

Volunteer missions have been commenced by the First Baptist Church of San Jose and at two cities in Oregon.

As a partial result of the work of the year we would mention the baptism of twenty-seven Chinese—several of whom will prepare to preach the Gospel. Awakened by their deep interest in this work, four white missionaries have given themseves to missions in China.

This report would be deemed incomplete without grateful mention of the self-sacrificing labors of our General Missionary, Dr. J. B. Hartwell.

We mark with pleasure the formation of new Chinese schools by some of our churches during the past year, and we would commend their work to all our churches having Chinese within their borders.

REV. A. W. RUNYAN.

Dr. Hartwell, under a motion to adopt the report, recounted what was being done for the Chinese in California. Report adopted.

At 5:30, Convention adjourned to 7:30 P.M., after prayer by Rev. Mr. Connelly.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services were conduted by Rev. M. U. Squire.

Convention called to order by President Henry, but gave way to the annual meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

At 7:40 P. M. Convention resumed its business.

President Henry appointed Rev. G. S. Abbott, Rev. W. H. Latourette and C. W. Dearborn a committee to revise any irregularities in the Constitution resulting from the proposed division of the State into two Conventions, the revision to be submitted to the Executive Committee in time to be printed in the minutes.

REPORT OF REVISION COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Convention at Twin Lakes to adjust the Constitution and report to the Executive Committee, presented the following to-day through Rev. W. H. Latourette. On motion the report of the committee, after a few slight alterations had been made, was adopted for presentation to the next Convention.

WM. C. SPENCER,
Sec. Ex. Com.

Alameda, May 11, 1891.

The amendments proposed by the committee will be found at the end of Constitution.

Report on Education was submitted by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The insinuation that Baptists have not been favorable to education is far from warranted. For a long time, it is true, even up to within the eighteenth century, Baptists had not founded a college. But it was not due to any fault or failure of theirs. Up to the date mentioned it would have been impossible for Baptists to have secured a charter for a college or seminary from any State or nation on the earth. So that the question as to whether they did educate was offset by the question whether they could educate.

The Toleration Act had no sooner passed in England, in 1689, than they met and organized for the purpose, among other things, to assist "members of churches who had promising gifts, were found in the fundamentals and inclined to study, in attaining to the knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew."

This ultimated in Bristol College, the oldest of the theological seminaries of the denomination in the world. To-day, in England, Scotland and the Canadas they have fourteen colleges.

In the new world, the little State of Rhode Island was formed, where for the first time in the history of the world civil and soul freedom had a home, where "the fundamental principles of political and ecclesiastical liberty practically prevailed before they were even taught in any of the schools of philosophy in Europe." Embracing every opportunity, there was founded in this little State the first chartered Baptist College of the world in 1764. This, to-day, is Brown University. In this country, then, we began the present century with but one college and no theological institution. The first quarter of the century left us with four colleges and two seminaries. Entering the second half of the century with twenty colleges and universities and eight institutions where instruction in theology was given, great strides have been made by us in all directions. We have been pioneers in advanced collegiate preparation for women, and in Vassar College, founded in 1865, have given to the world "the first grand, completely endowed college for women ever projected."

To day, we have in the United States 147 educational institutions, 1,363 instructors, 22,438 students, 2,232 students preparing for the ministry; total value of property about $22,000,000. Baptist donations to Christian education during this year have amounted to perhaps a million and a quarter dollars.

Coming to our own State, what do we find? We have from all three of our institutions recent and interesting facts. California College has had an increase of twenty-five per cent. in the number of students matriculated, there having been 127 enrolled during the year. There are represented here five States, three kingdoms, and fifteen counties in California. We have a faculty of thirteen choice professors. There are to be this term ten graduates from the Academy and two from the College. There are seven young men preparing for the ministry, one of whom goes next fall to Rochester Theological Seminary. An immediate and urgent necessity is an endowment of

$100,000; and it is the judgment of your committee that primary attention should be given to this enterprise during next year.

The following are some important facts concerning Los Angeles University:

President—Calvin Esterly.

Faculty—Male Professors, 3; female, 5; total, 8.

Students—Enrolled, 1890, male, 48; female, 35; total 83.

Departments—Bible study, Collegiate, Academic, Preparatory, Musical, Art, Elocution.

Library—Volumes, 665.

Value of grounds and buildings, $50,000.

Subscribed for support of the school during the past year, $2,551.

Paid on subscriptions, $1,424.

The new President, Prof. Calvin Esterly, is proving himself to be admirably fitted for his position. He has already won the respect and confidence of the constituency of the school to a remarkable degree. Those who have become intimately acquainted with his methods and spirit are enthusiastic over the prospects of the institution under his management.

Rev. W. F. Harper has charge of the new department of Bible Study and Christian Ethics, and is also acting Financial Secretary.

New students are coming in and new friends are rising up. There is a spirit of hopefulness as to the future. The situation is decidedly better than a year ago.

The Pacific Baptist Theological Union opened its doors in Oakland September, 1890, in the Training Department, and in the Theological Department later. Instruction, so far, has been given in Systematic Theology, Biblical Interpretation, Church History, Homilitics, Hygeine and Therapeutics, and Elocution and Sacred Oratory. Special attention in each department is given to Biblical instruction, making the whole institution so far as possible a Bible school.

The class in the Theological Department is of course small. There cannot be a permanent, efficient corps of instructors without further endowment. And such a corps of teachers is necessary to the success of the institution, especially in the Theological Department.

The endowment so far, by Mrs. E. H. Gray, is $14,221 cash, and in real estate $20,000, on a portion of which the donor retains a life lease.

Further funds are absolutely necessary to the success of this enterprise. Most of the instruction, so far, has been gratuitous. This of course cannot be expected to last very long.

Rev. Dr. Gray has donated his library, bookcases, paintings and furniture of his study to the Union. Books for this library are solicited.

A RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that our General Convention is overladen with business; and in view of the fact that our educational demands are exceedingly great, we recommend that this Convention at its present session appoint a committee of five to arrange for an educational convention

to be held at the same place and immediately succeeding the General Convention in 1892; and that this committee be instructed to prepare a constitution and by-laws, to be submitted at the session of the aforesaid Educational Convention for its consideration at the earliest opportunity.

J. HERNDON GARNETT, Chairman,

Rev. Dr. Morse, President of California College, opened the discussion on a motion to adopt the report, by a brief statement of what had been done by California College in the past few years. He was followed by Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. Bunyan Spencer and Robert Williamson. Report adopted.

It was moved and adopted that Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. A, W. Bunyan and Rev. P. W. Dorsey represent the Convention in the forthcoming annual meetings of the American Home Mission Society, Missionary Union, American Baptist Publication Society and National Educational Society.

Committee on resolutions submitted the following:

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we extend thanks to the "Baptist Summer Resort Association" for the work they have accomplished in their magnificent preparations to entertain the Convention, and for the uniform hospitality extended to us by them and the Baptists and citizens of Santa Cruz during our stay with them.

Resolved, That we take great pleasure in recommending the Twin Lakes resort to our Baptist brotherhood throughout the State, and desire to express our hearty commendation of the wise management of the Association.

Resolved, That we are again brought under renewed obligation to the railroad and steamship lines for granting us reduced rates.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the press of this city for its courteous and satisfactory reports of the proceedings of this Convention.

Resolved, That the liquor traffic is one of the most prolific sources of misery and crime in our country, and standing directly in the way of the progress of the cause of Christ, and that we believe the time has come for more aggressive work in our churches against this traffic and its attendant evils, and therefore recommend that each church organize a Gospel Temperance Union, according to the plan advocated by Mr. L. L. Abbott and already adopted by a number of churches in California.

Resolved, That we in Baptist Convention assembled, do most heartily endorse the American Baptist Publication Society in its assistance to our young

people in that admirable paper, "Our Young People at Work," so sound in doctrine and helpful in Christian character. And that we appreciate the importance and great value of "Children's Day" and "Sunday School Institutes."

Resolved, That we believe the time has fully come when the Missionary Union should have a representative devoting his whole time to deepening the interest of the Pacific Coast in the work of Foreign Missions, and that we request the Union to appoint such a man at the earliest day possible.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Committee our educational interests should be made paramount to everything else during the coming year, and all possible energy should be directed toward the increase of the endowment of our college.

Resolved, That in order to do justice to the interests of the various societies holding their anniversary with this Convention, they be requested each to appoint one person; these several persons to act as a central committee, which committee shall arrange time and order of business of each society; also that the sessions of the Convention and Societies continue at least four days.

C. H. HOBART,
Chairman.

The above resolutions were adopted without debate.

A resolution looking to the establishment of a Beneficiary Society was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the faculty of the California College and the faculty of the Theological Seminary each be requested to appoint a committee of two to confer with the executive committee of the California Baptist Education Society in reference to a change in the constitution of the Education Society, so as to have that Society as soon as it shall be found necessary and practicable, take up the usual beneficiary work performed by many of the educational societies in the east, viz: aiding suitable young men and women in the college and seminary as may feel called of God, to the work of the Christian ministry or missionary work, and that we recommend that the Education Society take such steps as may be recommended by the committee of conference.

W. H. STENGER.

Endorsed by H. L. GEAR.

A resolution relating to the sale of American Baptist Publication Society's supplies in this State, offered by C. W. Dearborn, provoked a long debate at a late hour, but, with two amendments, was adopted as follows:

Whereas, The Baptists of the Pacific Coast have long desired the establishment in San Francisco of a branch of the American Baptist Publication Society, and recognizing that the beginning of all such enterprises must be in accordance with the patronage given by the community:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratification that the Society has placed a supply of its publications in a convenient business center in San Francisco, in the hands of Mr. Geo. Walker, and believe that full encouragement should be given to this movement by all who are interested in the dissemination of Baptist literature.

Resolved, That we request the Publication Society to make the agency already established in San Francisco its exclusive agency for the furnishing of its supplies to our churches and Sunday Schools.

It was now about 11 P. M., and the business of the Convention having been disposed of, a motion was made to adjourn. President Henry invited Rev. C. J. Thompson to offer prayer. The President was requested by the Convention to follow in prayer. The motion to adjourn was then put and carried, the President announcing the Convention standing adjourned to meet on the Tuesday before the last Sunday in June, 1892.

J. Q. A. HENRY,
President.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
Recording Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, April 29, 1891.

The Convention Directors met at 11 A. M. to listen to report of Executive Committee. Present—H. L. Gear, H. E. McCune, C. H. Hobart, J. Q. A. Henry, W. C. Spencer.

Minutes of Board meetings October 8th and 9th, 1890, read and approved.

Rev. W. H. Latourette submitted substitute for present rules respecting appropriations.

Rev. W. C. Spencer presented report of Executive Committee.

Rev. J. Q. A. Henry moved the adoption of the report and of the substitute rules. Carried.

Board adjourned.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
Secretary *ex officio*.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, May 1, 1891.

Convention Directors met at 9:30 A. M. Present—H. E. McCune, C. N. Whitmore, W. T. Fleenor, C. H. Hobart, George E. Duncan, Wm. C. Spencer. H. E. McCune was elected President of the Board, and Wm. C. Spencer, in the absence of the Recording Secretary of the Convention, was appointed Clerk pro tem.

On motion of W. T. Fleenor, Messrs. Hobart, Henry, Plaw, Duncan and Spencer were chosen to serve as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Moved by C. H. Hobart that the Recording Secretary be instructed:

1. To solicit funds from the churches of the Convention for the purpose of printing the Minutes.

2. To attend to the printing of the Minutes, giving the preference to the *Leader* Publishing Company, if he can secure as favorable terms for as good work.

3. To proceed to print as soon as the necessary money is secured.

4. To print the Minutes of the several Societies provided they pay their pro rata for this purpose.

5. To publish in the Minutes a form of bequest and of annuity to the Convention.

On motion the Board adjourned.

WM. C. SPENCER,
Clerk pro tem.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY, 1891.—ORGANIZATIONS.

Name.	President or Moderator.	Secretary.	Treasurer.
General Baptist Convention of California	Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, 618 Golden Gate ave., S. F.	B. C. Wright, Esq., 1703 Gough st., S. F.	W. R. Strong, Esq., Sacramento.
Central Baptist Association	P. D. Code, Esq., San Francisco.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason st., S. F.	H. L. Gear, Esq., 211 Sansome st., S. F.
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev. S. L. Sanford, Ukiah.	Rev. E. Waller, Upper Lake.	R. P. White, Esq., Upper Lake.
Eastern Baptist Association	Rev. L. E. Henderson, Willow Ranch.	Rev. P. J. Spoon, New Pine Creek, Or.	T. H. Garratt, Esq.
Los Angeles Baptist Association	Rev. E. R. Bennett, Pomona.	Rev. C. E. Harris, Pasadena	Geo. Hisom, Esq., San Bernardino.
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. G. E. Good, Woodland.	Rev. W. T. Jordan, Dixon.	Robt. Crane, Esq., Santa Rosa.
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev. A. M. Russell, Willows.	Rev. F. N. Baker, Maxwell.	A. E. Duncan, Esq., Willows.
Santa Barbara Baptist Association	Rev. A. Grant, Santa Barbara.	Rev. J. O. Redden (deceased)	W. T. Lillard, Goleta.
Tulare Baptist Association	Rev. J. C. Jordan, Bakersfield.	Rev. J. N. Lacy, Big Dry Creek.	E. Dudley, Esq., Selma.
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society	Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, 2601 Howard st., S. F.	Mrs. L. P. Huntsman, 1264 11th ave., E. Oakland	Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F.
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society	Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley st., S. F.	Mrs. C. H. Hobart, 914 16th st., Oakland.	Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society	Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Highland Park, E. Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason st., S. F.	H. Garthwaite, Esq., Oakland.
Trustees of California College	Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon.	Rev. Bunyan Spencer, Highland Park, E. Oakland	J. H. Stevens, Esq., 315 California st., S. F.
Trustees of Los Angeles University	Rev. Chas. Button, D. D., Riverside.	S. J. Merrill, Esq., Los Angeles.	Hon. J. D. Bicknell, Los Angeles.
Baptist Educational Society of California	Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., 118 Eleventh st., Oakland.	Prof. Lorenzo D. Inskeep, Highland Park, E. Oakland	Rev. C. H. Hobart, 914 16th st., Oakland.
Baptist Historical Society of California	Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., East Los Angeles.	C. F. Baker, Esq., 1215 Chestnut st, Oakland.	C. F. Baker, Esq., 1215 Chestnut st., Oakland.
Ministers' and Laymen's Conference	Rev. P. W. Dorsey, 2601 Howard st., S. F.	Rev. G. E. Good, D.D., Woodland.	C. F. Baker, 1215 Chestnut st., Oakland.
Pacific Baptist Theological Union	H. L. Gear, Esq., 211 Sansome st., S. F.	B. C. Wright, Esq., 1703 Gough st., S. F.	C. F. Baker, Esq., 1215 Chestnut st., Oakland.

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SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	No. of Schools	Enrolled.		Average Attendance	Pupils Baptized during year	Vols. in Libraries	Value of Libraries	Annual Expense of Schools	Contributions.											
		Officers and Teachers	Pupils						Higher Education	A. B. Home Missionary Society	City Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	California Chinese Missions	A. B. Pub. Soc., Genl Dept.	A. B. Pub. Soc., Bible Dept.	Church building at home	Church building elsewhere	Other Benevolences
Central	52	538	5299	3327	128	4927	$1,380	$3,720 00	.....	$226 00	$58 95	$118 65	$257 95	$20 90	$235 11	$10 80	$296 00	$15 35	38
Clear Lake	10	79	642	553	50	60	15	382 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 05	.....	.....	8
Eastern	6	16	100	80	...	.....	10	10 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Los Angeles	41	434	3244	2299	144	2168	315	2,145 19	95 60	28 32	33 58	584 85	32 06	68 63	55 20	15 70	136 70	30 00	34
Pacific	17	154	1079	792	41	600	105	623 50	....	21 00	.....	31 65	6 30	.....	81 90	21 95	.....	5 00	15
Sacramento River	13	86	539	409	15	342	35	276 35	.....	13 50	.....	2 35	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	11
Santa Barbara	6	39	314	226	30	126	10	139 21	...	29 50	4 96	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	5
Tulare	19	57	707	487	2	.....	.....	255 50	.....	5 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	109 25	.....	11
Unassociated	17	78	488	287	....	150	50	85 00	....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 50	7 00	.....	.....	13
Totals	181	1481	12412	8460	410	8373	$1,920	$7,636 75	95 60	$344 47	$97 49	$737 50	$296 51	$89 53	$398 71	$63 50	$541 95	$50 35	136

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TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Number of Churches.	MEMBERSHIP.					PROPERTY.					WORSHIP.	
		Baptized during the year	Total Gain	Total Loss	Net Gain	Present Membership	Valuation Meeting Houses	Valuation Parsonage	Indebtedness	Improvements During Year	Seating Capacity	Pastors' Salaries	Other Expenses Annually
Central	35	261	786	452	334	3,741	$388,800	$4,000	$22,538	$8,819	12,200	$28,999	$20,932 00
Clear Lake	11	60	81	41	40	611	22,825	3,000	625	.....	2,135	2,164	630 00
Eastern	11	13	28	18	10	285	5,100	.....	.....	2	1,200	923	100 00
Los Angeles	38	277	843	475	368	3,797	258,250	6,000	280	1,839	8 228	22,411	6,985 94
Pacific	16	87	178	158	20	1,040	64,225	5,000	4,150	1,427	3,535	9,781	3,084 64
Sacramento River	21	39	77	58	19	750	28,410	.....	900	960	2,605	3,439	870 90
Santa Barbara	11	41	96	22	74	311	14,500	.....	.....	.. ....	1,005	2,479	810 87
Tulare	18	38	136	56	80	564	33,000	.....	2,150	3,838	2,450	4,112	1,194 50
Unassociated Churches	17	6	76	21	55	267	360	.....	75	150	315	2,200	630 00
Totals	178	822	2,301	1,301	1,000	11,366	$815,470	$18,000	$30,718	$17,035	33,673	$76,508	$35,238 85

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TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	BENEVOLENCES.								
	Foreign Missions....	City Missions...	State Missions...	California Chinese Mission.	A.B. Pub. Society Gen. Dept.. ..	A.B. Pub Society Bible Dept.....	Education.....	Church Building elsewhere....	Other Benevolences .....
Central	$1,360 40	$2,272 30	$2,118 95	$213 25	$108 53	$30 05	$3,378 29	$98 50	$1,710 00
Clear Lake	39 75	.....	256 10	....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	70 30
Eastern	44 55	.....	84 00	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	225 00
Los Angeles	922 52	1,241 90	2,082 62	6 65	53 84	12 81	892 70	75 00	787 81
Pacific	236 40	45 00	670 45	90 00	38 25	8 00	1,343 25	10 00	337 50
Sacramento River.....	26 50	.....	358 00	... .	.....	.....	.....	6 35	683 60
Santa Barbara.....	50 30	.....	50 00	.....	6 50	.....	.....	5 00	157 00
Tulare	25 30	.....	308 00	.....	.....	2 50	....	.....	.....
Unassociated Churches	17 00	.....	160 15	.....	25 00	....	.....	30 00	40 00
Totals....	$2,722 72	$3,559 20	$6,088 27	$309 90	$232 12	$53 36	$5,614 24	$229 85	$4,011 21

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MISSIONARIES.

General Missionary, Northern Cal.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Alameda
Edifice Missionary, Northern Cal.....Rev. W. R. Connelly, Merced
General Missionary, Southern Cal.....Rev. W. W. Tinker, Los Angeles
Missionary Evangelist, Southern Cal.....Rev. O. B. Read, Alhambra

MISSIONARY PASTORS.

T. L. Crandall.....Alhambra
A. P. Brown.....The Palms
W. H. Carmichael.....San Luis Obispo
Peter Grant.....Santa Barbara
John Smithers.....Lompoc
V. A. Henry.....National City
J. C. Jordan.....Bakersfield
N. Hayland.....Los Angeles
C. J. Bickford.....Los Angeles
G. E. Good.....Woodland
Aug. Olsen.....San Francisco
P. W. Dorsey.....San Francisco
A. W. Runyan.....San Francisco
W. H. Stenger.....San Jose
J. H. Storms.....Tulare
E. T. Whittemore.....Berkeley
I. D. Wood.....Selma
C. L. Fisher.....Benicia
M. U. Squire.....Redding
J. D. Green.....Chico
T. R. Bowles.....Selma
S. L. Sanford.....Ukiah
H. B. Hutchins.....Sacramento
A. J. Sturtevant.....Napa
S. B. Randall.....Los Gatos
A. J. Ahlstrom.....Oakland
N. W. Alger.....Santa Cruz

TO THE CHINESE.

J. B. Hartwell, Superintendent.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Miss Martha J. Ames.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Miss Claudia J. White.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Mrs. E. J. Houghton.....938 Pacific street, San Francisco
Miss A. Florence Ford.....1003 Powell street, San Francisco
Rev. Tong Kit Hing.....915 Clay street, San Francisco
Mrs. J. R. Bradway.....760 Tenth street, Oakland
Mrs. Laura Baker.....1215 Chestnut street, Oakland
Mrs. L. P. Huntsman.....1264 Eleventh Avenue, East Oakland
Mrs. Emma Bullard.....Chico
Miss Eliza Willsie.....907 Fifth street, Sacramento
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno
Mrs. Amanda Egli.....Tulare
Mrs. Emma E. Fitch.....125 East Fourth street, Los Angeles
Fung Yuet Mau.....Transient

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN CALIFORNIA, APRIL, 1891.

Abbott, G. S., D. D. ..... 118 Eleventh street, Oakland
Adams, H. E. ..... Mountain View
Adams, W. E. ..... Oakland
Ahlstrom, L. J. ..... 1453 Linden street, Oakland
Alexander, T. W. ..... Malaga
Alger, N. W. ..... Santa Cruz
Anderson, C. H. ..... Los Angeles
Anderson, Peter ..... San Diego
Appel, Wm. ..... Los Angeles
*Archer, G. W. ..... Bakersfield
*Austermell, J. H. ..... Los Angeles
Bailey, B. T. ..... San Jose
*Bailey, G. S., D. D. ..... Pomona
Baker, F. N. ..... Maxwell
Barnes, J. E. ..... Downey
*Barnes, J. T. ..... Petaluma
*Barton, N. ..... Clifton
*Bander, W. H. ..... Woodville
*Beesley, C. A. ..... San Francisco
Bennett, E. R. ..... Pomona
*Bettesworth, J. J. ..... Hanford
*Bonner, J. D. ..... Willow Ranch
Borroughs, J. N. ..... Janesville
Bowles, T. R. ..... Selma
*Boynton, Amos, ... Los Gatos
Bradley, M. G. ..... Biggs Station
*Briggs, O. W. ..... Berkeley
*Brooks, J. ..... Woodbridge
Brown, A. P. ..... The Palms
*Brown, G. W. ..... San Diego
*Buckbee, C. A., D. D. ..... 1906 Laguna street, San Francisco
Buchanan, C. A. ..... Fort Bragg
*Button, Chas., D. D. ..... Riverside
*Canterbury, J. C. ..... San Bernardino
Carmichael, W. H. ..... San Louis Obispo
Cartwright, John. ..... Malaga
Cauch, John, M. D. ..... Santa Paula
*Chilson, J. ..... Merle P. O.
*Clark, A. ..... Bishop Creek
Clark, R. D. ..... Eureka
*Clay, Jeremiah. ..... Downey
Clisby, Jas. ..... Riverside
*Cole, A. L., D. D. ..... Santa Ana
Cole, W. S. ..... Azusa
Connelly, W. R. ..... Merced
*Corfield, E. F. ..... Pasadena
*Cooper, E. K. ..... The Palms
Crandall, T. L. ..... Alhambra
*Crittenden, Orrin. ..... Mountain View
*Cross, Wm. ..... Los Angeles
*Cunningham, G. P. ..... Shingletown
Daniels, J. W. ..... San Diego
*Davis, S. P. ..... Alameda
Dawson, J. W. ..... Anderson

De Witt, H. G., D. D. ..... Fresno
Dexter, S. K. ..... Vallejo
Dill, J. S. ..... Los Angeles
Disher, G. W. ..... Oakland
Dixon, Frank ..... East Oakland
Dorsey, P. W. ..... 2601 Howard street, San Francisco
Downie, Jno. ..... Petaluma
Dudley, Waldo ..... Churchill
Duncan, Geo. E. ..... 518 Powell street, San Francisco
Dye, Geo. E. ..... Santa Ana
Eby, M. S. ..... Westport
Edgren, J. A., D. D. ..... Oakland
Erickson ..... Linne
*Ewer, W. D. ..... Los Gatos
Faw, Geo. P. ..... San Miguel
*Findley, E. ..... Chico
Fisher, C. L. ..... Benicia
Fisk, S. S. ..... Santa Rosa
Fleenor, W. T. ..... Ukiah
Fleming, I. D. ..... Fruit Vale Avenue, Oakland
Florence, B. ..... Santa Maria
*Forbes, C. F., M. D. ..... Santa Maria
*Foster, Jos. ..... Santa Clara
*Freeman, J. A. ..... Norwalk
Frost, A. J., D. D. ..... San Bernardino
Garnett, J. H. ..... 564 South Second street, San Jose
Gaston, W. L. ..... Hueneme
*Gear, H. L. ..... 211 Sansome street, San Francisco
Gibson, J. G. ..... Red Bluff
Glaeser, L. ..... Los Angeles
Good, G. E., D. D. ..... Woodland
Grant, Alex. ..... Santa Barbara
Grant, Peter ..... Santa Barbara
Gray, E. H., D. D. ..... 1069 Brush street, Oakland
*Green, F. W. ..... Lake City
Green, J. D. ..... Chico
Gregory, C. W. ..... East Los Angeles
Gregory, U., D. D. ..... Monrovia
*Griffith, — ..... Nortonville
*Gurnsey, A. A. ..... Lodi
*Hamilton, E. C. ..... Santa Barbara
*Hamilton, Hiram ..... Orange
Harper, W. F. ..... Los Angeles
*Harriman, S. M. ..... Winters
Harris, C. E. ..... Pasadena
*Harthorn, W. M. ..... Orange
Hartwell, J. B., D. D. ..... 1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Hatch, E. B. ..... Salinas
*Hawley, D. S. ..... Santa Barbara
Haycock, Charles ..... Lakeport
*Hayhurst, L. W., D. D. ..... Pasadena
Hayland, N. ..... Los Angeles
Helsley, J. M. ..... Gonzales
Henderson, L. E. ..... Willow Ranch
Henry, J. Q. A. ..... 618 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco

Henry, V. A.....National City
Herrick, A. C.....1304 N street, Sacramento
Heritage, J.....Alhambra
*Hieronymus, Charles.....1532½ Eddy street, San Francisco
Hobart, C. H.....914 Sixteenth street, Oakland
Hollenbeak, W. H.....Pittville
*Howard, M. W.....Ukiah
*Howe, W. E.....Lake City
Huddleston, B. F.....Modesto
Hutchins, H. B.....Sacramento
Hutchinson, J. S.....Colton
Jordan, J. C.....Bakersfield
Jordan, W. T.....Dixon
Keetch, S. C.....Vacaville
Kidder, W, S.....Ono
Kirkpatrick, T. J.....Orland
*Knight, J. B.....San Francisco
Lacy, J. N.....Big Dry Creek
Lambert, Jas.....Paso Robles
*Langley, J. R.....National City
Latourette, W. H.....Alameda
Lawrence, F. S.....Santa Cruz
*Leonard, William.....Red Bluff
Lillard, J. H.....Los Angeles
Lindsey.....Fresno
Lord, T. N.....Fallbrook
Luce, C. S.....Poway
Malmburg, A. O.....Paso Robles
McGuinn, R. A.....Oakland
*McKusick, H. P.....Los Angeles
Merriam, J. F.....Covelo
Mitchell, Lex.....San Jose
Mitchell, William A.....Marysville
*Moore, A. S.....Los Angeles
*Morris, V.....Winters
Morse, S. B., D. D.....East Oakland
*Myers, J. C.....Orange
Nelson, C. M.....1204 Fourteenth street, Oakland
Norris, S. J.....Auburn
Norvell, J. S.....Swatow, China
Nunn, S. J.....Palermo
Nylen, J.....Linne
Ogle, B.....Hanford
Olsen, August.....107 Twelfth street, San Francisco
Orgren, A. B.....Chino
*Palmer, George A.....Stockton
Palmer, Ray.....Stockton
Palmer, T. R., D. D.....National City
Parks, H. H.....Willows
*Paulson, M.....San Francisco
Pendleton, W. H., D. D.....East Los Angeles
Petty, A. M.....Los Angeles
*Pierce, S. C.....Coronado Beach
*Pillsbury, S. S.....Tulare
*Phillips, Thomas.....San Bernardino
*Platt, E. W.....Santa Ana

Punk, G. E.....Arbuckle
Randall, S. B.....Los Gatos
Randall, W. H.....Penryn
*Randolph, Thomas E.....Marysville
Read, Daniel, LL. D.....305 West Eighth street, Los Angeles
*Read, George R.....Alameda
Read, O. B.....Alhambra
Rees, Eli.....Lemore
*Reid, S. E.....Fresno
Reider, J. H.....Rivera
*Reynolds, G. W.....Bieber
*Rice, Eli.....Lake City
Rider, A. W.....Los Angeles
Rieman, G. B.....759 Jefferson street, Oakland
*Rigby, N. L.....Los Angeles
Riley, C. C.....Cienega
Riley, J. W.....Selma
*Ringo, S. A.....San Francisco
*Roberts, Jos.....Napa
*Rogers, G. M.....San Francisco
*Root, William.....Pine Grove
Ross, J. S.....Caspar
Rumsey, John D.....Redlands
*Runnells, G. W.....Lake City
Runyan, A. W.....2529 California street, San Francisco
Russell, A. M.....Willows
Rush, Z. C.....Madera
Sanford, S. L.....Ukiah
Saxton, J. B., D. D.....Vacaville
*Sawyers, M. K.....Little Lake
*Schalike, F. W.....515 Fell street, San Francisco
*Scott, G. W.....Santa Rosa
*Sears, Jesse S.....Azusa
*Shaw, J.....Los Angeles
Simmons.....Calistoga
*Sill, E. E.....Riverside
Smith, Alanson D.....Fresno
*Smith, Dexter, P., D. D.....Santa Ana
Smith, Harvey.....Alturas
Smithers, John.....Lompoc
Spencer, Bunyan.....East Oakland
Spencer, William C.....Alameda
Spoon, P. J.....Willow Ranch
Squire, M. U.....Redding
Stark, J. I. G.....Alturas
Stenger, W. H.....San Jose
Stephens, Thomas H.....Wheatland
*Stevens, A. R.....East Los Angeles
*Stewart, Charles W.....College City
*Stinson, F.....Los Angeles
*Stockwell, J. N.....Lemore
Storms, J. H.....Tulare
Sturtevant, A. J.....Napa
*Sivena, Anson.....Gonzales
*Taft, S. A., D. D.....Alameda
Taylor, C. L.....Maxwell

Taylor, D. T.....Upper Lake
Thompson, C. J.....Santa Clara
*Thompson, R. S.....Bakersfield
*Thompson, W.....Sutter City
Tinker, W. W.....Los Angeles
*Toombs, J. B., D. D.....Anaheim
Tomlinson, A. B.....Monrovia
Tong Kit Hing, ...915 Clay street, San Francisco
Vane, Jean.....Healdsburg
Waller, E.....Upper Lake
Webb. J. C .....Ceres
Weston, C. F.....St. Helena
Weeks, O. D.....Stockton
Wells, James.....Shingletown
*Whipple, H. E.....San Francisco
Whitcomb, Orrin.....Willits
Whitcomb, Orrin Jr.....Willits
Whittemore, E. T.....Berkeley
Willis, W. W.....Sacramento
Winbigler, C.....Riverside
Wood, I. D.....Selma
*Wood, Thomas.....Vienna
Wood, W. O.....Springville
*Wright, M. V.....Los Angeles

J. B. HARTWELL,
Statistical Secretary.

*Not engaged in ministerial work.

Form of Bequest or Annuity.

I hereby give and bequeath to the General Baptist Convention of California.....dollars for the work of the Convention as specified in its articles of incorporation and constitution.

Notices.

All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention, Rev. W. C. Spencer, Alameda.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board, must be made to W. R. Strong, Treasurer, Sacramento, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters should be addressed to Benjamin C. Wright, 1703 Gough Street, San Francisco, and those pertaining to statistics to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason Street, San Francisco.

Personal Request.

This pamphlet of proceedings of Annual Sessions, for 1891, of the principal State organizations of the denomination, is published for information. If you do not wish to preserve your copy, please pass it around, in order that as many as possible may be able to peruse the same.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote domestic missions in the State of California, under the direction of the regular Baptist denomination of Christians, and to promote the general interests of the Baptist denomination in said State, as further provided for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE III. The members of this Convention shall consist of delegates from such Baptist churches, Associational and Auxiliary Societies in the State of California as shall contribute to its funds, and also life members. Each contributing church may annually elect three delegates, including the acting pastor, and if it have one hundred members, or over, may elect five delegates, including such pastor. Any member of a Baptist church contributing twenty-five dollars, either at one time or in annual payments of not less than five dollars, may become a life member, with the privilege of voting as long as membership in good standing in any Baptist church shall be maintained. These provisions as to membership shall be subject to future change or modification from time to time as may be prescribed by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV. This Convention shall meet annually on Wednesday after the first Sunday in April, or at such other times as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon a written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to alter the time and place of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor. There shall likewise be eleven directors elected annually.

ARTICLE VI. The Directors shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from their number an Executive Committee of five, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries in Central and Northern California, and appropriate all money for the same; and a committee appointed by Associations in Southern California shall do the same work for that portion of the State, with a Treasurer appointed by the Southern Committee for that region. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex officio* of the Executive Committee for Central and Northern California. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the Anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate of which in writing shall be presented to the Annual Meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ARTICLE VII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State, of three members each, upon Home Missions, Foreign

Missions, California Chinese Missions, Publication Society, Sunday-school and Educational work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

At the end of Article I, add these words: "Whose limit shall be all that portion of California lying north of the southern boundaries of Monterey and Tulare counties."

After the word Societies in third line of Article III, add these words: "Within the bounds of the Convention," in the place of "in the State of California."

After the word missionaries in the fourth line of Article IV, strike out the words, "in Central and Northern California" from line five, and after the word "same" in line six, the remainder of the sentence in lines six, seven and eight; also strike out from the tenth line of the same Article, after the word Committee, these words, "for Central and Northern California.

BY-LAWS.

I. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:

First—On important subjects of the report.

Second—On the nomination of Directors.

Third—On place and appointment for next session.

Fourth—On obituaries.

Fifth—On Chinese Missions.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question: "shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decision of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and Associations, an itemized account of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports, of not more than fifteen minutes in length, as a rule, of the special committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions being of immediate practical relation to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

XV. These Committees on Sunday-schools, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist Church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention—provided that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee, with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday-school, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The tenth annual meeting of this Society was held at Twin Lakes, Wednesday, April 29th, commencing at 10 A. M.

The devotional exercises were led by the President, who read Psalm VIII.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

On Enrollment—Miss Susie E. Alger, Mrs. O. M. Vesper.

On Nominations—Mrs. J. K. Smallman, Mrs. B. C. Wright, Mrs. A. M. Rowe.

The Recording Secretary's Report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

As we turn our glance backward to-day, over the work of the past year, we feel to do as Samuel did of old, take a stone and set it up calling this place "Ebenezer," saying "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

At the meeting with the Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland, one year ago, when at the request of our President, so many rose to pledge themselves to do all they could to advance the work during the coming year, many of us realized that the little we might do, unless accompanied by the Divine blessing, would accomplish nothing. The Lord has graciously granted us His blessing, and to Him be all the praise.

Eleven hundred dollars seemed a large sum to us at the beginning of the year, but we rejoice to-day over a full treasury.

The record of the year's work is on high, its successes and its failures; from both of which we feel we have learned some valuable lessons to use in the years to come.

Perhaps there have been times when you have felt that your Board was not doing all it might or doing it in just the best way. We have tried, with what facts we have at our command, after careful deliberation, to take the wisest step each time, and if we have failed it has been after having done our best.

Three public meetings have been held during the year with the following Circles: Alameda, Emmanuel, San Francisco, and First Church, Oakland. These have been well attended and interesting. At two of these meetings Mr. Connelly has been present to tell us of his work, at the third one he sent a report; all of which has added greatly to the meetings and given us a warm interest in him and his work.

The papers prepared for them have been upon timely subjects and to the point.

Work among the young people and children has had a large place in our programmes.

The Board has had ten meetings during the year, with an average attendance of thirteen. The largest number at any one meeting was twenty, the smallest seven.

Twenty-nine have served as your Board, only about twenty of whom live accessible to the meetings.

Your Secretary has sent letters 18; postals, 292; notices and articles for "The Leader," 7.

May the year to come note still greater advance in the work the Lord shall give us as a Society to do.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. HOBART.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read by Mrs. S P. Baker.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As we gather at this our tenth annual meeting, we do so with gratitude to God for all His goodness to us as a Society, and for the success that has crowned our efforts this year. Each year has been in advance of the previous one. We felt, one year ago, that we had done well, but we feel this year that we have done better, for we have been enabled by the grace of God to raise a greater amount for carrying on His work, in the face of greater difficulties.

The first six months of the year saw almost nothing accomplished, because our object was an unsettled one. As many knew, we took for our work Merced, one of our neediest fields. Many thought later that we should transfer our work to Redding, but the Society deemed it best to make no change, so we devoted all our energies to Merced. And we feel that the Lord's approval has been upon us, for we close our year with a surplus in the treasury. May God's blessing rest upon the faithful little band of workers at Merced, and upon Bro. Connelly, our Edifice Missionary, who has been instrumental in forwarding this work, as well as work in other parts of our needy State.

We have been greatly hampered this year by lack of suitable literature, which would be so helpful in our work. A leaflet on Merced and its Needs, by our President, was distributed early in the year.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Intelligence makes the following report:

LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED.

Systematic Giving, 30; Merced and its Needs, 529; Poem by Mr. Connelly, 428; Young Ladies in Mission Work, 12; Bird Leaflet, 76; The Lost Opportunity, 18; Necessity for Home Mission Work, 2; A Model Circle, 18; California for Christ, 6;. Total, 1,119. Letters and postals written, 18; letters and postals received, none.

Were it not for the lack in our printing fund, we should have no difficulty in meeting the demand for literature. This subject is closely connected

with that of the lay-by envelope system. We are glad to know that so many are using them, but we want many more to adopt this plan of swelling our printing fund. All money collected in this way goes toward this fund. You can readily see how important a matter this is.

One of the most helpful and satisfactory branches of our work has been our Bureau of Supplies. Mrs. Lillis is still Superintendent of this work, and her report this year is a most encouraging one, because her heart has been in the work, and our circles have responded heartily and nobly to the call for help in this direction. Through this Bureau, also, many of our brethren and sisters throughout the State have been supplied with denominational and other literature, through the kindness of those who take such literature and are desirous of sharing it with others who do not.

One important, yet sadly neglected feature of our work, is work among the children. But six mission bands have been reported to me this year, and I doubt if there are more than ten bands in our whole State. This should not be. The girls of to-day will make up the membership of our Women's Societies of the future, but what can we expect if our girls are not trained and interested in mission work, as is the case in too many of our churches. The boys, too, should not be neglected. One church reports a Boys' Band. This is a serious question, and one that should rest heavily on our hearts until prayer and thought shall have done their work and earnest effort is put forth in this direction.

We feel very grateful to all our circles and individual subscribers who have so generously contributed to our work this year We know that many of our churches are struggling to keep themselves afloat, and feel glad to know that they have faith in the promise: "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." May the promise be verified to them.

Much of our success this year has been due to earnest work on the part of our President, Mrs. Davis, who has been untiring in her interest and efforts to advance our work.

Following are the reports from the Associations:

Associations.	No. of churches reported.	No. of members	No. of Leader taken.	No. of H. M. Monthly taken.	Frequency of meetings	Contributions	Secretaries.
Central	12	241	68	25	Monthly	$529 98	Miss R. Inskeep
Sac. River..	4	62	14	3	Monthly	85 00	Mrs. Clara Boyd
Pacific	6	63	56	46	Monthly	63 80	Mrs. W.T. Jordan
Clear Lake..	1	11	10		Monthly	15 00	Mrs W.T. Fleenor
Totals....	23	377	148	74		$693 78	

No report was received from Tulare Association, Mrs. I. D. Wood, Secretary.

Letters and postals written, 234; letters and postals received, 114; programmes for annual meeting distributed, 200; circulars distributed, 101; blanks distributed, 180; lay-by envelopes distributed, 425.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. F. BAKER.

Mrs. W. C. Spencer emphasized the point in the report of need of more literature. Mrs. Latourette and Lawrence urged the more extensive use of our "lay-by" envelopes.

On motion the Corresponding Secretary's Report was adopted.

Treasurer's Report was then read.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The ninth annual report of the Treasurer of the W. B. H. M. S. of California, for the year ending April 22, 1891, is as follows:

MISSIONARY FUND—RECEIPTS

Amount brought forward from last year	$	21 95
Alameda		30 75
Bird Band		5 00
Biggs' Mission Band Willing Workers		1 50
Dixon		8 25
Fresno, First church		11 50
Gonzales		6 00
Los Gatos		8 50
Lakeport		8 00
Napa, Circle		9 00
Napa, King's Messengers		3 00
Oakland, First Church Circle		80 25
Oakland, Day Star and Young Ladies' Band		36 73
Oakland, Infant Class		3 35
Oakland, Tenth Avenue		53 85
Oakland, Harrison street		8 00
Oakland, Twentieth street		6 00
Petaluma		2 00
Red Bluff		17 10
Stockton		33 50
Santa Cruz, First Church		16 60
Santa Cruz, Second Church		4 25
San Jose, First Church		20 00
San Jose, Emmanuel		2 50
Santa Rosa		6 40
Sanger, Good Hope Church		3 00
St. Helena		4 50
Santa Clara		8 25
San Francisco, First Church		42 00
San Francisco, Hamilton Square		14 75
San Francisco, Emmanuel		11 00

Tulare	$	2 00
Ukiah		10 20
Willows, Golden Star Mission Band		20 00
Woodland		10 00
Wheatland		5 50
Sacramento, First Church		8 35
Maxwell		5 00
Sacramento, Calvary		20 00
Mrs. C. S. Capp		5 00
Mrs. John Stegeman		5 00
Miss A. A. Jones		1 00
Unknown		1 00
Mrs. W. D. Ewer		1 00
Mrs. John Todd		1 00
Mrs. M. S. Remmel		2 50
Mrs. M. D. Eshleman		50 00
Mrs. J. W. Henry		1 00
Mrs. S. C. Lillis		5 00
Total receipts	$	641 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

To W. R. Strong	$	600 00
Cash on hand		41 03
Total	$	641 03

EDIFICE FUND—RECEIPTS.

Alameda	$	1 00
Cloverdale		4 00
Ceres		50 00
Clear Lake Association, designated colection		13 00
Los Gatos		2 00
Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.		25 00
Napa		8 00
Oakland, First Church Circle		61 35
Oakland Young Ladies		7 90
Oakland Tenth Avenue Circle		25 00
Oakland Tenth Avenue Mission Band		10 50
Petaluma, Sunday School		1 70
Santa Clara		5 70
San Jose, First Church		15 00
St. Helena, Ivy Mission Band		10 00
San Francisco, First Church Circle		100 00
San Francisco, First Kings Messengers		7 35
San Francisco, Emmanuel		10 15
Tulare		2 65
Ukiah, Sunday School		15 00
Wheatland		2 15
Willows, Golden Star Mission Band		15 00
Mrs. Niddiffer		50
Mr. George R. Sharp		1 00
Albert Ralston		50
Unknown		1 00
Mrs. John Todd		1 00
Mrs. M. D. Eshelman		50 00

Mrs. Elisha Higgins	$	25 00
Mrs. M. E. Case		5 00
Mrs. F. Meek		10 00
Mrs. Orrin Crittenden		1 00
Mrs. Ellen Smith, M. D		5 00
Mrs. Mary Crittenden		5 00
Mrs. Wm. D. Ewer		1 00
Mrs. C. S. Lillis		5 00
Quilt Square, Mrs. Geo. Abbott		2 50
Quilt Square, Mrs. Valentine		2 00
Quilt Square, Mrs. J. B. Hartwell		10 00
Interest on deposits		13 05
Amount brought from last year		507 94
Total receipts	$	1,038 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

To W. R. Strong, Treasurer of Convention	$	500 00
Cash in Oakland Bank of Savings		500 00
Cash on hand		38 94
Total	$	1,038 94

PRINTING FUND—RECEIPTS.

Amount brought forward from last year	$	15 90
Collections at annual meeting of 1890		30 10
Special collection for Mrs. M. T. Yates		24 10
Collections at quarterly meetings of Society		27 83
Collections at Associations		14 03
Collections at meetings of Santa Clara Valley Mission Union		8 75
Lay-by envelopes		6 85
Baby Band of First Church, San Francisco, for W. B. H. M. Society of the West		1 00
Special contributions		2 50
Total receipts	$	131 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Mrs. S. C. Lillis (bill for expenses)		4 27
To Mrs. M. T. Yates		24 10
To Carruth & Carruth, Oakland, printing		5 00
To. Mrs. C. F. Baker, stationery		5 50
To Carruth & Carruth, 1,000 leaflets and 1,000 envelopes		6 00
To Mrs. C. H. Hobart, stationery		3 10
For printing of Minutes		34 10
To Carruth & Carruth, 1,000 tracts		4 75
Express charges		25
To W. H. M. Society of the West		1 00
To Leader Publishing Co., 1,000 leaflets		4 50
To Leader Publishing Co., printing		1 50
Total disbursements	$	94 07
Cash on hand		36 99
	$	131 06

NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Missionary Fund	$ 619 08
Edifice Fund	531 00
Printing Fund	115 16
Total net receipts	$ 1,265 24

This is to certify that I have this day examined the above accounts and vouchers, and find them correct.

April 23, 1891.

E. H. GRAY, Auditor.

Mrs. B. C. Wright moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Latourette for her faithful services.

Mrs. Ralph and Mrs. R. L. W. Davis led in prayer of thanksgiving and praise..

Mrs. Lillis read her report on Bureau of Supplies.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

It is a pleasure to report the good help given through this bureau this year. Nine barrels and nineteen boxes, beside valuable contributions from private individuals, have been sent out. Nearly all of these reached their destination before Christmas, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that several families were much more comfortable during the cold weather than they would have been without these donations. It is very gratifying to be able to say that some of this year's barrels and boxes have contained nothing but new clothing and bedding, or new material, and that the contents of others have in a large proportion been new. Several newly organized Circles, some of them weak in numbers and means, have rendered noble aid. One of the boxes was filled by a Mission Band. Money was contributed by another Band. Each Circle and each helper seems to have entered into the work earnestly and happily. Last year the helping churches numbered fourteen, this year they number twenty-one. The contributions are as follows: Alameda, two barrels, one box, value, $85.30; Biggs, box, $5; Dixon, box, $75; Fresno, box, $40; Los Gatos, box, $26, money, $6; Maxwell, box, $5; Napa Mission Band, box, $15; Oakland, First Church, two barrels, $125; Oakland, Tenth Avenue Church, one barrel, one box, $77.50, money, $28.35; Oakland, Twentieth Street Church, barrel, $50; Red Bluff, box, $12; San Francisco, First Church, one barrel, two boxes, $86.45; Sacramento, First Church, box, $55; Sacramento, Calvary Church, box, $28.85; Stockton, box, $43.85; San Jose, box, $35; Santa Cruz, First Church, box, $60, money, $6; Santa Rosa, two barrels, $88.20, money, $7; St. Helena, box, $25; Salinas, box, $13.25; Willows, box, $54; clothing and money contributed by Mrs. Howell, of Ball's Ferry, and Mrs. Perrings, of Merced, $11; a cow contributed by Mrs. Riche, of Arbuckle, $40; total, $1,103.75.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. C. LILLIS.

On motion of Mrs. Darling, a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Lillis for her efficient services.

After remarks by Mrs. Lillis, Mrs. B. C. Wright, Mrs. O. M. Vesper and Mrs. C. H. Hobart, the report was adopted.

Report on Baby Bands was read by Mrs. L. P. Baker.

The President gave a few words of explanation concerning the Baby Bands.

On motion of Mrs. Hobart and Mrs. Baker, the programme was continued till noon.

The Nominating Committee not reporting in full, the report was re-committed to them, when they reported as follows:

President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis; Vice-President, Mrs. L. S. Jennings; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Baker; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Hobart; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Latourette; Auditor, Rev. E. H. Gray.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association, Mrs. W. C. Spencer; Sacramento River Association, Mrs. Ollie Duncan; Clear Lake Association, Mrs. W. T. Fleenor; Pacific Association, Mrs. W. T. Jordan; Tulare Association, Mrs. J. H. Storms.

MRS. J. K. SMALLMAN,
MRS. B. C. WRIGHT,
MRS. A. M. ROWE,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and Mrs. B. C. Wright was asked to cast the ballot for those nominated by the committee.

The President thanked the Society for the confidence they had placed in her by again electing her as its President.

Mrs. W. C. Spencer called for a rising vote of thanks to the officers, for the services rendered during the year.

Mrs. L. P. Baker read the report of the Obituary Committee.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

The Woman's Home Mission Circle of the Stockton Baptist Church has lost one member during the past year. Mrs. Emmie Whale died December 4th, 1890. Her funeral was held December 6th, the Native Daughters of California, of which she was a member, taking charge.

Miss Minnie Sayers died in Chico, April 6th, 1890, after a long illness. She had been a faithful member of the Chico Baptist Church and of the Home Mission Circle since her conversion at a meeting held by Elder James, in 1887.

Mrs. Lucy Maria Creffield, wife of Ralph Creffield, died in San Jose, January 8th, 1891, aged thirty-four years. Sister Creffield had been a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of San Jose for many years. Although suffering for three years from a painful and incurable disease, she attended the house of God when bodily weakness would have kept one of less devotion at home. Her interest in all departments of church work, and especially in the Mission Circle, never waned. She left a devoted husband and three children of tender years to miss and mourn a wife and mother's tender devotion.

Mrs. Hannah Withington died suddenly April 5th, 1890, at Sacramento. She was a constituent member of the Calvary Baptist Church, which was organized in 1871, and it was said of her that "she wore herself out in working for the church and the interests of the Redeemer in Sacramento." She left a husband and children to mourn her loss.

Of these faithful ones we say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

MRS. S. B. HUNKINS,
MRS. H. HUDDLESTON.

On motion, it was adopted.

Mrs. Baker read a notice from Mrs. J. Q. A. Henry, stating that a year hence the matter of uniting with the "Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, would be brought up for consideration by this Society.

The meeting adjourned, with prayer by Mrs. W. C. Spencer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Mrs. W. H. Randall, of Penryn.

The President read the following report on Specific Work for the ensuing year:

RECOMMENDATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ALAMEDA, Cal., April 23, 1891.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Baptist State Convention, held at the study of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco, on Monday, April 20, the following resolution was passed:

That we recommend the Woman's Home Mission Society of California to raise $700 during the coming year toward the salary of Rev. W. R. Connelly, Edifice Missionary, and $800 for church buildings at Palo Alto and Baden—at the rate of $400 for each place.

Very respectfully,

WM. C. SPENCER,
Secretary Executive Committee.

Remarks were made by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Gear and Mr. Connelly. The report was accepted. Mrs. Latourette and Mrs. W. C. Spencer moved that we pledge ourselves to raise $700 on the salary of Rev. Mr. Connelly.

The President asked Mrs. Baker to take the chair, then urged upon the ladies present to assume the work heartily and to determine to do all they could to fulfill this pledge during the coming year.

The motion was adopted.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Spencer moved that the second part of the pledge, to raise $800 for church buildings at Baden and Palo Alto at the rate of $400 for each place, be adopted.

After remarks by several the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mrs. S. B. Randall of Los Gatos read an excellent report of the state of the work in northern and central California.

Rev. Mr. Connelly made a brief report of the work he had been enabled to do for the past year; also read a poem he had prepared for this Tenth Annual meeting.

The Enrollment Committee reported as follows:

Sacramento, First, 2; Alameda, 2; Santa Cruz, First, 12; Santa Cruz, Second, 6; San Jose, Emmanuel, 1; Los Gatos, 2; Oakland, First, 9; Oakland, Tenth Avenue, 5; San Francisco, First, 2; San Francisco, Emmanuel, 3; Stockton, 3; Salinas, 1; Dixon,

1; Penryn, 2; Ceres, 2. Total members, 51. Visitors, 28. Total, 79.

MISS S. E. ALGER,
MRS. O. M. VESPER,
Committee.

On motion, it was decided that we have our minutes published with those of the Convention.

The following valuable paper was prepared by Mrs. W. C. Spencer:

FIRST DECADE OF SOCIETY WORK.

A brief review of the work of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, from 1881 to 1891.

"No valley-life but hath some mountain days,
Bright summits in the retrospective view.
And toilworn passes to glad prospects new,
Fair sunlit memories of joy and praise;
Grave on thy heart each past 'red letter day'!
Forget not all the sunshine of the way
By which the Lord hath led thee: answered prayers,
And joys unasked; strange blessings, lifted cares,
Grand promise echoes. Thus thy life shall be
One record of His love and faithfulness to thee."

This is a day of good tidings, so we tune our lips to praise, as we trace the leadings of our God through all the devious paths of this our first decade. We pause to look behind us over the road we have traveled, and to—

"Speak of many a vanished scene,
Of what we once had thought and said,
Of what has been, and might have been,
And who is changed, and who is dead."

The first organization of a Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society in this State was in the autumn of 1878, with Mrs. O. I. Denison, of Oakland, President; Mrs. U. Gregory, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. A. Y. Ayres, Recording Secretary. The funds were disbursed by the officers directly to objects of interest in the State until May, 1880. In that year Mrs. E. H. Gray became President of the Society.

The ladies in attendance at the State Convention held at Dixon in 1881, were called together, and a society auxiliary to the Convention, was formed. The officers of the new organization were: Mrs. E. H. Gray, President; Miss Eunice Hobbs, Secretary, and Mrs. O. K. Wright, Treasurer. The constituent members were:

Mrs. G. S. Abbott, Mrs. P. U. Blunt, Mrs. B. R. Boynton, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. J. R. Bradway, Mrs. A. L. Cole, Mrs. W. T. Fleenor, Mrs. E. H. Gray, Mrs. T. R. Hook, Mrs. C. W. Hewes, Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, Mrs. I. B. Lowell, Mrs. L. A. Maguire, Mrs. S. B. Morse, Mrs. John Pope, Mrs. C. R. Ralph, Mrs. A. N. Rowe, Mrs. Ridell, Mrs. B. W. Owens, Mrs. W. R. Strong, Mrs. Stiles, Miss Lizzie Read, Mrs. S. Willson, Mrs. O. K. Wright,

Mrs. B. C. Wright, Miss Eunice Hobbs, Fannie B. Taylor and Mrs. J. C. Voorhies. Mrs. E. H. Gray remained in office until 1883, when Mrs. J. R. Bradway became the presiding officer.

The Convention of 1884 met in Woodland, and Mrs. Gray was once more called to the chair; with Mrs. R. L. W. Davis as Corresponding Secretary, who, from that time, has always filled some important office in the Society.

The following year, 1885, Mrs. Gray was, by the vote of the ladies, again placed at the head of the organization.

Since 1886, our beloved Mrs. R. L. W. Davis has ably filled the position of President of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

From the very first many noble-hearted and earnest women have been raised up to lead in every department of the work; and while we rejoice in our present staff of God-fearing, able, zealous officers, we must not forget the dear pioneers, who, by their self-sacrificing labors of love, have made easier paths for our feet. Our sister, Mrs. O. K. Wright, served as Treasurer for two years, and her neatly kept reports are preserved to the present day. She has not yet grown tired of working for the Society, but in this, her eighty-second year, has raised the sum of $100 for the edifice at Merced. The earliest records were unfortunately lost, but a resumé of the work was written by Mrs. Gray, who thus rendered lasting service to the Baptist Sisterhood of California.

Let us now note the progress of the work. In looking over the minutes we find but meagre reports, and only a few departments of work undertaken until the year 1887. In writing on the State of the Work in Northern California, Mrs. Latourette says: "It is cheering to note the progress made in the education of children and youth in the missionary spirit. The number of Home Mission Circles is greater than ever before. Their efficiency has greatly increased. A more thorough organization, a better understanding of methods and a wider dissemination of facts relative to the work, have stimulated a deeper interest and enlarged the desire to meet the demands of our work."

In 1886 leaders of Circles and Bands began to apply to the officers for help and suggestions in organizing and carrying on their work, and it was apparent that a bureau of intelligence was imperatively necessary. At a meeting of the Executive Board held at the First Church, San Francisco, on August 18th, 1887, the bureau was established. The appointment of seven Associational Secretaries was also an advance step. The publication of a quarterly magazine called The Home Field, showed the enterprising spirit of the Society. In 1888 appears the first report of the Bureau of Supplies, which tells us that thirteen churches had prepared barrels and boxes of clothing. The following year shows that eighteen Circles participated in this delightful work; the value of supplies thus sent being $715.05.

About this time the Board began to feel that if the funds could be applied to some specific work, instead of going into the general treasury of the State Convention, more interest would result and a larger amount be raised. A

committee on specific work was appointed, to report at the annual meeting. This resulted in the adoption of Bakersfield as our own particular field of operations for 1890. The interest spread, the work prospered and the Treasurer's Report for the next year showed an increase of $551.51 over the receipts of the previous twelve months.

The amounts raised year by year are as follows and will speak for themselves:

1882	$ 171 00	1887	$ 377 58
1883	160 25	1888	434 21
1884	54 50	1889	456 48
1885	211 00	1890	1,207 99
1886	393 85		

The pioneers of this work began well. Theirs was no aimless, indefinite theory, but a grand, burning purpose! Looking over the State they saw spiritual destitution on every side. In the loveliest and most fertile valleys Bacchus flourished his scepter. In the great centers of population the hydra-headed monster of evil held high carnival. The worshippers of mammon had reared temples to their favorite deity in every corner of the State. These noble women said: "This is too fair and good a land for Satan to possess; it is our home; we love it; our children and children's children will dwell here. We will make it a place where God is feared and where our posterity may live in safety. In the name of God, and home and native land, we will take California for Christ."

Some of these sisters have been called to a higher service, but, methinks, they are interested in the proceedings of this day. Looking down from the battlements of glory, what do they see? Not a score or two of earnest women down in the Valley of Humiliation, looking up with tearful eyes toward the glorious mount of their aspirations, but a goodly army standing on a hilltop, not indeed the mount of their desire, but one of the foothills of that mighty range; and this is the song the listeners hear:

"Another year of labor,
And labor not in vain:
For while the seed we've planted,
God gave the promised rain.
His love has been our comfort,
His strength has been our stay;
Hold fast His hand, march onward,
Still trusting, day by day."

We bow our hearts before God in lowliest adoration, and praise him for all that he has done for us. It is well to look back and sing praises as we remember the past; but, my sisters, we must look forward too. There are many heights yet to climb. The work will increase as we go along. One victory only makes room for another battle. Although we have reared a temple to God in Bakersfield, and fulfilled the pledge we made for the erection of a house at Merced, there are yet many counties without a Baptist church, and other destitute fields all around us. Satan still stalks abroad and flaunts his colors before our eyes. Our cry must be "Onward!" Not Bakersfield and Merced alone must we win for Jesus, but every inch of this fair land

must belong to our Redeemer and our King. Let us go forth with renewed strength this year. The blessing that has crowned the work of the past decade ought to be an incentive to greater effort and nobler achievement in the future. To raise half the salary of our Edifice Missionary and help to build one church each year is not enough for this Society to accomplish. Let us—

"Hold fast His hand, march onward,
Still trusting, day by day."

On Thursday afternoon at 3:30, the work of this Society was presented by its officers before the Convention. The synopsis of the year's work was given by Mrs. L. P. Baker. The Treasurer gave a financial statement. The President called attention to the report on Specific Work for the ensuing year, urging the pastors to press the claims of this work upon the women in their churches. A collection was taken amounting to over seventeen dollars.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. O. K. Wright,
Mrs. C. S. Capp,
Mrs. O J. McKinnon,
Mrs. M. A. Pine,
Mrs. N. S. Douglass,
Mrs. H. Garthwaite,
Mrs. J. R Bradway,
Miss C. P. Hull,
Mrs. C. H. Hobart,
Mrs. William Meek,
Mrs. Ella Clinton,
Miss Ella Bradway,
Mrs. John Stevens,
Mrs. Ellen Mason,
Mrs. J. C. Fielding,
Mrs. Elisha Higgins,
Mrs. Mary A. Gilcrist,
Mrs. C. F. Baker,
Miss Fannie Latimer,
Mrs. William C. Spencer,
Mrs. J. Herndon Garnett,
Mrs. O. M. Vesper.

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley street, San Francisco.

Vice-President—Mrs. L. S. Jennings, 1308 Steiner street, San Francisco.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. F. Baker, 1215 Chestnut street, Oakland.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. H. Hobart, 914 Sixteenth street, Oakland.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.

Auditor—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Oakland.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association—Mrs. W. C. Spencer, Alameda.

Sacramento River Association—Mrs. Ollie Duncan, Willows, Colusa Co.

Clear Lake Association—Mrs. W. T. Fleenor Ukiah,.

Pacific Association—Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Dixon, Cal.

Tulare Association—Mrs. J. H. Storms, Tulare.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. Crow,	Mrs. L. C. Fielding,	Mrs. C. F. Davis,
Mrs. J. R. Bradway,	Mrs. W. D. Larzelere,	Mrs. E. H. Gray,
Mrs. A. C. Darling,	Mrs. D. Sawtelle,	Mrs. E. Higgins,
Mrs. J. G. Ressiguie,	Mrs. Valentine,	Mrs. J. Wilson,
Mrs. W. H. Barnes,	Mrs. Norris,	Mrs. O. K. Wright,
Mrs. George Duncan,	Mrs. N. S. Douglas,	Mr. J. K. Smallman.

Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies—Mrs. S. P. Davis, Alameda.

Superintendent of Bureau of Intelligence—Mrs. S. C. Lillis, Kingsburg, California.

Superintendent of Baby Bands—Mrs. David Sawtelle.

Superintendent of Mission Bands—Mrs. C. F. Baker, 1339 Adeline street, Oakland.

COMMITTEES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Memorial Committee—Mrs. Rowe, Stockton; Miss Jones, Vallejo.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Randall, Penryn; Mrs. O. M. Vesper.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid in evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, or in installments during the year.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice-Presidents *ex-officio* of this Society.

ARTICLE V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place; to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. This Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of Associational Secretaries to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church in the Association, and working for their individual success; also to assist in the arrangements and make reports at the regular meetings of the Associational Society; conferring freely with the Corresponding Secretary, and receiving through her help, advice and direction from the Board of Directors. These Secretaries, as well as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, shall make annual reports to the Society.

5. The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a printing fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

7. The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8. All circles contributing less than $1 per member to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. It objects shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be to develop an interest in the cause of Missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those generally assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All moneys raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

MINUTES OF BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TWIN LAKES, May 1st, 1891.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Baptist Historical Society of California was called to order by the Vice President, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D.

Prayer by Rev. W. W. Willis.

The following annual members were enrolled:

W. H. Pendleton, J. B. Hartwell, W. W. Willis, C. J. Thompson, E. B. Hatch, M. S. Eby, Ray Palmer, T. H. Stephens, G. S. Abbott, W. R. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mrs. H. E. McCune, Mrs. F. S. Lawrence, W. T. Fleenor.

A Committee on Nominations was appointed, viz: Brethren G. S. Abbot, W. W. Willis and C. J. Thompson.

The Secretary and Treasurer presented his annual report which was accepted.

REPORT OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Your Secretary and Treasurer respectfully reports that since last Annual Meeting he has received and placed on file minutes of the General Baptist Convention of California and also copies of all the Baptist Associations of the State for the year 1890. There have been received also sundry minutes of Associations for former years and other pamphlets of historic value; notably some from the late Rev. Dr. Wheeler, including some minutes of the Sacramento Valley Association, and a file of manuscript church letters to the San Francisco Baptist Association, and other pamphlets; also from Rev. C. C. Bateman a file of minutes of the Sacramento River Baptist Association, from its organization to the year 18—, and a historical sketch of Baptists of Northern California. It is exceedingly desirable that complete files of the minutes of all our Associations and Conventions should be secured, and therefore your Secretary renews the oft repeated request for these as well as for all other papers and articles of historic value to the denomination.

Your Secretary further reports that the essayist appointed last year to prepare a paper for the present session, having declined on account of want of time to do so, the President of the Society, the late Rev. Dr. Wheeler, and the Secretary endeavored to secure writers for this session, and the Secretary is happy to announce that Deacon W. R. Strong, of Sacramento, and Rev. E. B. Hatch, of Salinas, have both consented to present papers to-day.

It is further the painful duty of your Secretary to announce the death on April 12th, 1891, of our venerable and honored President, the late Rev. O.

C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., a historic character in California, whose long life in the State covers the whole period of the denomination's history in the State. As the pioneer Baptist Minister in California, and the founder of the first Protestant Church on the Pacific Coast, the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, his name must live while our history lasts. Having loved our Society from its incipiency, he loved and served it to the last. A little while before his death he had prepared his official report for this meeting, and it is to be hoped that report may be presented here to-day. It contained valuable suggestions for our action. As a token of respect to the memory of our President your Secretary suggests that a memorial page be set apart to his memory in the next printed minutes of our Society.

As Treasurer he would report that, in obedience to the order of last year, he paid to Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, for printing Dr. Wheeler's Address of April, 1889, the balance in the treasury after paying our *pro rata* for minutes, and that there is still a balance due Rev. Mr. Garnett on that account of $8.30.

The Society's account with the Treasurer is as follows:

1890.	Dr.
May 23—To paid for printing minutes	$ 4 65
To paid J. H. Garnett on printing Dr. Wheeler's Address	33 70
To paid for blank book for catalogue	40
	$38 75

1890.	Cr.
April 11—By balance on hand as per account rendered	$31 65
By cash received from twenty-six Annual Members	6 50
By cash received for three copies Dr. Wheeler's Address (sold)	30
Balance (donated)	30
	$38 75

J. B. HARTWELL,
Secretary and Treasurer.

San Francisco, April 28th, 1891

On motion it was ordered that a memorial page be set apart in our printed minutes of this year to the memory of our late President, Rev. Dr. Wheeler, and that Rev. Dr. Pendleton be requested to prepare the inscription therefor.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D.; Vice Presidents, Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D. and Deacon W. R. Strong; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Hartwell.

Bro. Hartwell declining the nomination, Mr. C. F. Baker was nominated in his stead. The amended report was adopted and these officers were elected.

On motion Rev. J. B. Hartwell was appointed to represent the Historical Society on a joint committee to be composed of brethren appointed by the General Baptist Convention and each of the auxilliary bodies, to arrange for the time of meeting of each at the anniversaries next year.

An interesting paper containing reminiscences of the last twenty years in California, was presented by Rev. E. B. Hatch. On motion it was ordered that the thanks of the body be tendered to Bro. Hatch for his most excellent and valuable paper, and that it be placed in the archives of the Society. The hour being late, it was ordered that the paper prepared by Deacon W. R. Strong, "A Sketch of the Baptist Churches in Sacramento," be one of our papers for the next annual meeting, and that the officers of the Society be directed to solicit in addition thereto a paper from some qualified person containing a historical sketch of the First Baptist Church in San Francisco, the first Protestant Church organized in California.

On motion, the Society adjourned; prayer by Rev. Dr. Pendleton.

W. H. PENDLETON,
President.

J. B. HARTWELL,
Acting Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Bible honors its worthy dead. Baptists have ever cherished the memory of those whose names have been worthily written on the pages of their history. The Baptists of California have many such names; and among them not one that is more worthy of being inscribed on a special memorial page, than that of our late President,

REV. O. C. WHEELER, D. D., LL. D.

It has been given to but few, if any, among us to receive such marks of distinction, and continued through a long life of usefulness, as have fallen to this faithful servant of our Lord.

In the year 1848, before the discovery of gold had drawn all eyes to this coast, The American Baptist Home Mission Society honored him, calling him from a successful pastorate among an appreciative people, and thrusting upon him their commission to a service of grave responsibility in this then newly acquired territory.

Foremost among the "Pioneers" who speedily merged the promising territory into a State with brighter promise, our brother, from the first, became the recipient of honors, many and distinguishing, such as fell to the lot of no other citizen not in political life. The State which he assisted in forming felt itself honored in honoring him.

Business men and men of every class and profession honored him by seeking his advice in matters pertaining to their own laudable pursuits. Every worthy applicant found in him a sympathizing, judicious friend.

Fraternal organizations, based on their own conceptions of the common brotherhood of men, selected him as the one in public life best fitted to be their exponent in repeated public addresses.

Congregations and churches, both here and in the principal cities of "the East," did him honor, arranging series of meetings to listen to his eloquent advocacy of the claims of California on their religious benevolence.

The nation honored him through her representatives in legislative assembly, inviting him by special resolution to preach before them in a religious service appointed in their own halls. An un-

precedented distinction which our brother ever after cherished with commendable pride.

To him was and is freely accorded the great honor of placing California side by side with the most philanthropic States, during "The Great Crisis" of the nation, in the all but sublime work of "The American Christian Commission."

His marvelous executive abilities, consecrated by a burning patriotism, were the admiration of every one in any way associated with him in that noble work.

The God of Truth signally honored him in his advocacy of the Gospel, and in successfully establishing Baptist Churches in the more prominent sections of the growing State.

Our revered brother greatly honored himself; in his loving, tender devotion to wife and children, and in his unselfish care for those who were dependent on him, he ever sought to realize the divine ideal of a true home. After experiencing for years a brother's unsurpassable kindness in loving care and attention, two aged sisters, one of them his senior and helpless, will pass on down to the border-line over which he has crossed, sweetly whispering of a brother's excellencies and worth, and his praises gladly singing. Angel wings ever fan the air of a home where such a love abides.

For forty and two years of California life, Dr. Wheeler was closely identified with the civil, literary and religious interests in the State of his adoption, and yet more intimately was he associated with the life and work of the denomination to which he gave unwavering allegiance.

Devoted in spirit, in counsels wise, eloquent in address, in "the faith delivered once for all to the saints" himself immovably fixed, and before others "earnestly contending," large-hearted and benevolent, full of sympathy with and for his brethren—whom he ever treated as his peers—patient under reproach, and in trials always hopeful, he lived an irreproachable life before the world, and died a peaceful death, "like a shock of corn, fully ripe," gathered to his Lord.

"Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While heaven and earth combine to say,
'How blest the righteous when he dies.'"

PASTOR'S AND LAYMAN'S CONFERENCE.

TWIN LAKES, CAL., April 28, 1891.

The Ministers and Layman's Conference organized by the appointment of the following officers: Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Moderator; Rev. G. E. Good, D. D., Clerk, and C. F. Baker, Treasurer.

The Committee on Programme presented the following report:

That there shall be three papers read before this body on Tuesday evening.

1. Shall we have a Coast Educational Society, tributary to the National Society? a paper by Rev. W. T. Jordan. Spoken to by Rev. Bunyan Spencer, Rev. C. E. Harris, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hutchins, Rev. A. W. Runyan, and Dr. Gray.

2. Ministerial Education, What Shall It Be? Paper by Rev. H. G. De Witt, followed by Rev. H. G. Hutchins.

3. Ministerial Aid, or Help for Theological Students: How can it best be obtained? Paper by Rev. S. B. Randall.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday, at 9 A. M.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday Morning, April 29, 1891.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Rev. P. W. Dorsey.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter of education, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we hereby recommend to the Baptist Educational Society of California, at its approaching session, that it appoint a committee to confer with other Baptist Educational Societies on the Coast, and to submit to the Society, at its meeting in 1892, a report on the advisability of a Coast Educational Society, which shall co-operate with and be auxiliary to the National Baptist Educational Society.

In the absence of Dr. De Witt, Rev. S. B. Randall read a paper upon the third topic of consideration. Spoken to by Bros. Hutchinson, Dexter, Bowles, Adams, Willis, Runyan, Good, B. F. Huddleston, Stenger, Stephens and Dorsey.

Bro. Hutchins opened the discussion on the second subject, and was followed by Bros. Dexter and Bradley.

Committee of Arrangements for next year: Drs. Hartwell, Hutchins and Garnett.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. C. E. Harris.

G. E. GOOD, Secretary.

PACIFIC BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL UNION.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, April 28, 1891.

The second annual meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union was held this afternoon.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by Rev. C. H. Hobart, and Rev. W. H. Latourette was chosed Chairman. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. J. Thompson of Santa Clara. In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Rev. C. H. Hobart was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion, Revs. E. H. Gray, A. W. Runyan, and T. H. Stephens were appointed a committee to nominate Directors for the Union for the ensuing year. The committee reported the following named gentlemen as Directors for 1891–2: H. E. McCune, H. L. Gear, W. R. Strong, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. Daniel Read, D. D., Rev. M. L. Rugg, B. C. Wright, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. W. H. Stenger, C. F. Baker and Rev. C. H. Hobart.

On motion, the Secretary *pro tem* was instructed to cast the ballot of the Union for the above named gentlemen, which was done, and they were declared elected as Directors of the Union.

It was moved and adopted, that the Convention be requested to give the Union a half-hour during its session in which to present the annual reports.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

C. H. HOBART,
Secretary *pro tem.*

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, April 30, 1891.

The General Baptist Convention having responded to the request of the Union, a meeting of the same took place this evening, H. L. Gear, President, presiding.

Rev. Dr. E. H. Gray, President of the Faculty, presented his annual report. Following are extracts:

PARTIAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF FACULTY.

The Pacific Baptist Theological Union is established especially to aid the young people of the coast in obtaining a Biblical and practical Christian education. The Seminary is open equally to both sexes who desire instruction to fit them for efficient ministerial, missionary, church and Sunday School work, and for all kinds of practical Christian labor.

Our Seminary opened September 1, 1890, in the Training department, and in the Theological department a little later. Instruction has been given during the year in Systematic Theology, Biblical Interpretation, Church History, Homiletics, Hygiene, Therapeutics and Elocution. Special attention in each department is given to Biblical Instruction, making the whole Seminary, as far as possible, a Bible School. The class in the Theological department proper is small.

Permanent intructors in any school are absolutely necessary to success; and there cannot be with us a permanent and efficient corps of instructors without further endowment. The endowment for our Seminary, so far, is $14,200 in cash and $22,000 in real estate, on a portion of which the donor has a life lease. Further funds are absolutely necessary to the success of this enterprise. Most of the instruction thus far has been gratuitous. We need also endowed scholarships of $1,000, $1,500 and $2,500, the interest of which to be appropriated to aid worthy students in both the Training and Theological departments. Such assistance will greatly encourage those who earnestly desire more thorough qualifications for the Master's service, but are restrained for want of a little aid.

The library of the Institution is at present very small. It consists only of a small collection of books formerly belonging to the President, which has been donated to the Seminary. Donations of books suitable for the library are respectfully solicited. It is especially desired that the library shall be the depository of books relating to Baptist History. All such books, pamphlets, sermons and addresses on denominational topics will be gratefully received and preserved.

A course of lectures has been provided for and delivered in the Baptist churches both in Oakland and San Francisco, in connection with the Training department. These lectures, which have been both interesting and profitable, have been given by the Baptist pastors on Biblical and practical topics, such as the "Secret of Success in Christian Work," "How to Study the Bible," "How to Win Souls to Christ," "The Basis of Christian Belief," "The Sunday School in Modern History," "Definiteness of Aim in Christian Work," "The Christian Workman," etc. These lectures were especially adapted to young people, and were largely attended by them. Similar lectures, occasionally, will be given the coming year.

The instructors in the Institution in the past year have been in Systematic Theology, the President; Christian Doctrine and Biblical Interpretation, Rev. J. A. Edgren, D. D.; Ancient and Modern Church History, Rev. C. H. Hobart and Rev. S. P. Davis; Homiletics and Pastoral Duties, Rev. G. S.

Abbott, D. D.; Hygiene and Therapeutics, Dr. Lovina J. Kellogg, and Elocution and Sacred Oratory, Mrs. Fannie M. Pugh. It is expected that most of these instructors will be retained for another year.

Tuition in the Theological department and Training classes is free.

Board and rooms can be obtained at reasonable rates. Students desiring to do so can procure rooms from $6 to $10 per month and board themselves at small expense. Frequent opportunities occur where students can obtain places in families to defray the expense, at least, of their board.

The next Seminary year will commence August 8th. Instruction will be given the same as during last year. It is hoped some new features and increased facilities may be added to the Seminary work. For students desiring to take some of the higher English studies or the classics, arrangements will be made to do so at reduced rates in California College.

Correspondence relating to information respecting the Seminary should be addressed to the President.

REV. E. H. GRAY, D D.,
President of Faculty.

The Rev. C. H. Hobart, Corresponding Secretary, read his report. It is in part as follows:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The year 1890–91 has been one of encouraging prosperity in the history of the Union. The total enrollment of students has been twenty-three, the majority of these being under the tuition of Dr. Gray in Systematic Theology. In October a series of public lectures was inaugurated under the auspices of the Union, participated in by the following persons: J. B. Hartwell, A. W. Runyan, S. B. Morse, J. Q. A. Henry, Geo. B. Rieman, Frank Dixon, G. S. Abbott, P. W. Dorsey, C. S. Mason, C. H. Hobart, L. J. Kellogg. These lectures were held alternately in San Francisco and Oakland, being given in the following churches: First, Emmanuel, Hamilton Square, San Francisco; and First, Tenth Avenue, Twentieth street, Oakland. They were of a practical character, and both stimulative and instructive. As a special effort has been making in California College to increase its endowment, it was thought best not to enter actively upon a canvass in the interests of the Theological Union. Mrs. Gray has, however, added once more to her former munificent gifts the sum of $6,000 in cash and a house and lot at Twin Lakes. This gives the Union a property of not less than $37,000 in value.

REV. C. H. HOBART,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer, C. F. Baker, submitted a clear and elaborate report of the receipts and expenses of the Union, together with the assets at the close of the fiscal year. Following is a summary of the financial statement:

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Receipts.	Disbursem'ts.
General fund—balance last report	$ 115 35	
Membership	86 00	
Printing and other expenses		$ 87 60
Income account	941 54	305 26
E. H. Gray, salary, etc		636 28
Investment account	6,000 00	6,000 00
Balance forward, general Fund		114 35
Total	$7,142 89	$7,142 89

The Union has out on mortgage and other good security the sum of $14,221.60, bearing interest at 7 to 9 per cent. per annum, and real estate to the value of $22,000, part of which is rented at $40 per month, and the remainder occupied by the donor under a life lease. The gross income for the year, according to present investment funds and property, is $1,590.50.

C. F. BAKER,
Treasurer.

In response to an invitation to become members of the Union by the payment of an annual fee of $1, several handed in their names, as follows: G. S. Abbott, Mr. Carns, John Dymott, Frank Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. French, C. H. Hobart, C. E. Harris, S. B. Hutchins, G. O. Hayford, J. B. Hartwell, J. M. Helsley, H. H. Jordan, W. T. Jordan, W. H. Latourette, J. L. Lyon, S. B. Morse, Mrs. J. P. Payline, A. W. Runyan, S. B. Randall, Mrs. Rigby, B. Spencer, W. H. Stenger, Mrs. N. W. Stenger, W. R Strong, B. C. Wright, C. N. Whitmore, Geo. Walker, F. A. Whittaker. Persons can make themselves life members by the payment of $20.

It was moved and adopted that the Directors of the Union be instructed to make application to the National Education Society for $5,000 towards an endowment fund upon such terms as the said Society may stipulate.

There being no further business the Union adjourned.

H. L. GEAR,
President.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
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On folio 22, line 27, "final" should be "first."
On folio 23, line 1, "Feare" should be "Ferre."
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Copy of Articles of Incorporation

OF THE

General Baptist Convention of California

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:—That the persons composing the religious society heretofore known as the General Baptist Convention of California, have associated themselves as a corporate body, and have elected directors in accordance with the rules and regulations of said Convention, and have adopted the following Articles of Incorporation, as provided by the Civil Code of the State of California, regulating the formation of corporations for purposes other than the pecuniary profit of their members.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the Corporation shall be the GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE II.

The purposes for which it is framed is to conduct Domestic Missions in the State of California, in the interests of the regular Baptist Denomination of Christians, and to promote the general interests of the Baptist Denomination in said State, and to acquire, hold, mortgage, sell, convey, transfer and dispose of property, real and personal, for said purposes.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this incorporation shall consist of delegates from such Baptist Churches in the State of California as shall contribute to its funds, and of life members.

Each contributing church may annually elect three delegates, including the active pastor, and if it have one hundred members or over, may elect five delegates, including such pastor.

Any member of a Baptist Church contributing twenty-five ($25) dollars, either at one time or in annual payments of not less than five ($5) dollars may become a life member, with the privilege of voting as long as membership in good standing in any Baptist Church is maintained.

These provisions as to membership shall be subject to future change, or modification, from time to time, as may be prescribed by the constitution of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

The principal place of business of this incorporation shall be at the City and County of San Francisco, at which place business shall be transacted by the Directors during the interval between annual meetings; but the Board of Directors will transact business at each regular meeting of the Convention, wherever in the State of California such annual meetings shall be held.

ARTICLE V.

The term for which this corporation is to exist shall be fifty years.

ARTICLE VI.

The number of its Directors shall be eleven, who shall be elected annually at the time and place of the regular annual meeting of the Convention. The names and places of residence of the Directors who are appointed for the first year are hereunto subscribed. The election of said Directors was held at the regular annual meeting of the Convention in the city of Sacramento, California, on the twelfth day of April, A. D. 1889, and was held in accordance with the rules and regulations of said Convention. A majority of the members of the Convention was present and voted at said election, and the result thereof was the choice of the following persons to serve as Directors for one year from said date.

In witness whereof, the said Directors have hereunto fixed their names and places of residence:

NAMES OF DIRECTORS	PLACES OF RESIDENCE
O. C. Wheeler	Oakland, California
H. E. McCune	Dixon, "
Chas. H. Hobart	Oakland, "
G. S. Bailey	Pomona, "
E. R. Bennett	Pomona, "
P. W. Dorsey	San Francisco, "
G. S. Abbott	Oakland, "
W. R. Strong	Sacramento, "
J. E. Hopper	Sacramento, "
H. L. Gear	San Francisco, "
G. A. Hull	San Francisco, "

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO } ss.

J. H. Reider, the President, and Benj. C. Wright, Secretary, being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that they were the officers conducting the election of Directors, and that the facts stated in the said Articles of Incorporation above set forth, as to the time, place, manner of holding, and result of the election of Directors of said incorporation for the first year, are true; and that a majority of the members of said Convention was present and voted at said election.

J. H. REIDER,
BENJ. C. WRIGHT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 12th day of April, 1889.
[SEAL] HIRAM W. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

COPY OF SEAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO } ss.

On this 12th day of April, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine, before me, Hiram W. Johnson, a Notary Public in and for said county, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared O. C. Wheeler, H. E. McCune, Chas. H. Hobart, G. S. Bailey, E. R. Bennett, P. W. Dorsey, G. S. Abbott, W. R. Strong and J. E. Hopper, known to me to be the persons described in, whose names are subscribed to, and who executed the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office, in the County of Sacramento, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[SEAL] HIRAM W. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

COPY OF SEAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO } ss.

On this 17th day of April, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine, before me, George T. Knox, a Notary Public in and for said city and county, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared H. L. Gear and G. A. Hall, known to me to be the persons described in, whose names are subscribed to, and who executed the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office, in the City and County of San Francisco, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

[SEAL.] GEORGE T. KNOX, Notary Public.

NOTICE OF FILING.

Endorsed: No. 11,003. Articles of Incorporation of the General Baptist Convention of California. Filed in the office of the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, this 17th day of April, A. D. 1889. WM. A. DAVIES, County Clerk,
By JOHN H. HAINEY, Deputy Clerk.

Rules Respecting Appropriations.

A. AS TO CHURCHES.

1. The Board will consider applications for aid from such churches only as have settled pastors, or where their application complies with Article 2 below, the same being made in writing and containing definite information on the points indicated in the blank forms furnished by the Board.

2. Churches intending to apply for aid will be expected to counsel with the Board or its representative in the settlement of a pastor. The Board reserves the right to inquire into the record of a pastor, and to pass upon his special fitness for the field in question.

3. Churches applying for help must show that they have done their best, and are really unable to support their pastor. Churches will be expected to pay their part of the salary as promptly as they expect the Board to pay its part. A failure on the part of the church to pay its pastor promptly and with regularity, will be sufficient reason for discontinuing the appropriation.

4. Appropriations will not be made simply because a church is weak and poor, nor to enable it to "hold its own," nor for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary or other debts. The money intrusted to the Board is for "agressive" work, and will be used only where such is reasonably assured. Not the needs of the church, but the good it is capable of doing will be the determining factor with the Board. New, vigorous churches will have the preference as a rule.

5. Churches will be expected to decrease periodically the amount asked from the Board, and to increase the amount of their own payments to pastor's

salary in the same ratio, thus looking to speedy self-support If application is made after aid has been given two, or at the most three years, special explanation must be made as to the reasons therefor, otherwise the application will not be considered.

6. Every church receiving aid is expected to contribute to the treasury of the Convention.

7. The Board desires the churches to use the card, envelope and receipt system of weekly offerings to raise money for current expenses and for missionary objects.

8. Each church without a house of worship will be expected to secure a lot (on which to build) within one year from the time the appropriation is made.

9. Churches making application to the Church Edifice Fund for aid will be expected to submit their plans and estimates to the Board for approval before proceeding to build.

B. AS TO PASTORS.

1. Applicants for appointment shall have the privilege of addressing the Board relative to the condition of their respective fields, but no applicant shall be present while his application is being considered.

2. Missionary pastors, within three months after their appointment, shall become members of the church for which they are to labor. If a pastor is in charge of two or more churches, then he shall unite with one of the churches for which he is to labor.

3. Pastors aided by the Board are required to give their undivided time to their fields, not only in preaching on Sunday, but also in pastoral work during the week. They will not be allowed to engage in secular employment except by special permission of the Board.

4. Missionary pastors will be expected to thoroughly instruct their people in all the great missionary movements of the denomination, and to cultivate a spirit of systematic beneficence in their churches.

5. Missionary pastors are not to resign the care of the churches to which they have been appointed without first consulting the Board, in order that plans may be made to properly care for the work—in case a change is necessary. Those who fail to observe this rule will forfeit all claim to salary due and unpaid—at the discretion of the Board.

6. The Board considers that each missionary is in a peculiar sense a representative of the denomination. It insists therefore that he shall so manage his personal affairs—financial and otherwise—that no discredit shall come to the cause through him. No missionary will be continued in its employment who habitually fails to meet his personal obligations promptly, and thus brings reproach upon the cause.

All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention, Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Golden Gate, Alameda Co., California.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board must be made to C. F. Baker, Treasurer, 322 Pine street, San Francisco, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters and those pertaining to statistics should be addressed to O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine street, San Francisco, Cal.

FORM OF BEQUEST OR ANNUITY.

I hereby give and bequeath to the General Baptist Convention of California..... .....dollars for the work of the Convention as specified in its articles of incorporation and constitution.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

Places in the Bible where taught

2 Tim, iii. 16, 17. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Also 2 Pet. i. 21. 2 Sam. xxiii. 2. Acts i. 16; iii. 21. John x. 35. Luke xvi. 29–31. Ps. cxix. 111. Rom. iii. 1, 2.

2 Tim. iii. 15. Able to make thee wise unto salvation. Also, 1 Pet. i. 10–12. Acts xi. 14. Rom. i. 16. Mark xvi. 16. John v. 38, 39.

Proverbs xxx. 5, 6. Every word of God is pure.—Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Also, John xvii. 17. Rev. xxii. 18, 19. Rom. iii. 4.

Rom. ii. 12. As many as have sinned in the law, shall be judged by the law. John xii. 47, 48. If any man hear my words,—the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. Also 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4. Luke x 10–16; xii. 47, 48.

Phil. iii. 16. Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing. Also Eph. iv. 3–6. Phil. ii. 1, 2. 1 Cor. i. 10. 1 Pet. iv. 11.

1 John iv. 1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God. Isaiah viii. 20. To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 1 Thess. v. 21. Prove all things. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Prove your ownselves. Also Acts xvii. 11. 1 John iv. 6. Jude 3d v. Eph. vi. 17. Ps. cxix. 59, 60. Phil. i 9–11.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Places in the Bible where taught.

John iv. 24. God is a spirit. Ps. cxlvii. 5. His understanding is infinite. Ps. lxxxiii. 18. Thou whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most High over all the earth. Heb. iii. 4. Rom i. 20. Jer. x. 10.

Ex. xv. 11. Who is like unto thee,—glorious in holiness. Isa. vi. 3. 1 Pet. i. 15, 16. Rev. iv. 6–8.

Mark xii. 30. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Rev. iv. 11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Matt. x. 37. Jer. ii. 12, 13.

Matt. xxviii. 19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. John xv. 26. When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. 1 Cor. xii. 4–6. 1 John v. 7.

John x. 30. I and my Father are one. John v. 17; xiv. 23; xvii. 5–10. Acts v. 3, 4. 1 Cor. ii. 10, 11. Phil. ii. 5. 6.

Eph. ii. 18. For through him [the Son] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 2 Cor. xiii. 14. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Rev. i. 4, 5. Comp, ii, vii.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Gen. i. 27. God created man in his own image. Gen i. 31. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Eccles. vii. 29. Acts xvii. 26–29. Gen. ii. 16, 17.

Gen. iii. 6-24. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat . . . . So the Lord God drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden, Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. Rom v. 12.

Rom v. 19. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. John iii. 6. Ps. li. 5. Rom. v. 15-19; viii. 7.

Isa. liii. 6. We have turned every one to his own way. Gen. vi. 12. Rom. iii. 9-18.

Eph. ii. 1-3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. Rom. i. 18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom i. 32; ii. 1-16. Gal. iii. 10. Matt. xx. 15.

Ezek xviii. 19, 20. Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? . . . The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. Rom. i. 20. So that they are without excuse. Rom. iii. 19. That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Gal. iii. 22.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Eph. ii. 8. By grace are ye saved. Matt. xviii. 11. 1 John iv. 10. 1 Cor. iii. 5-7. Acts xv. 11.

John iii. 16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John i. 1-14. Heb. iv. 14; xii. 24.

Phil. ii. 6, 7. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the

form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. Heb. ii. 9, 14. 2 Cor. v. 21.

Isa. xlii. 21. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable. Phil. ii. 8. Gal. iv. 4, 5. Rom. iii. 21.

Isa. liii. 4, 5. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. Matt. xx. 28. Rom. iv. 25; iii. 21-26. 1 John iv. 10; ii. 2. 1 Cor. xv. 1-3. Heb. ix. 13 15.

Heb. i. 8. Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. Heb. i. 3; viii. 1. Col. iii. 1-4.

Heb. vii. 25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Col. ii. 9. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Heb. ii. 18. In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. vii. 26. Ps. lxxxix. 19. Ps. xxxiv.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Places in the Bible where taught.

John i. 16. Of his fullness have all we received. Eph iii. 8.

Acts xiii 39. By him all that believe are justified from all things. Isa liii. 11, 12. Rom. viii. 1.

Rom. v. 9. Being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Zech. xiii. 1. Matt. ix. 6. Acts x. 43.

Rom. v. 17. They which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ. Titus iii. 5-7. 1 Pet. iii. 7. 1 John ii. 25. Rom. v. 21.

Rom. iv. 4, 5. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. v. 21; vi. 23. Phil. iii. 7-9.

Rom. v. 19. By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Rom. iii. 24-26; iv. 23-25. 1 John ii. 12.

Rom. v. 1, 2. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 3. We glory in tribulations also. Rom. v. 11. We also joy in God. 1 Cor. i. 30, 31. Matt. vi. 33. 1 Tim. iv. 8.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Isa. lv. 1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters. Rev. xxii 17. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Luke xiv. 17.

Rom. xvi. 26. My gospel,—according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Mark i. 15. Rom. i. 15-17.

John v. 40. Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Matt. xxiii. 37. Rom ix. 32. Prov. i. 24. Acts xiii. 46.

John iii. 19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Matt. xi. 20. Luke xix. 27. 2 Thess. i. 8.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected, in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

Places in the Bible where taught.

John iii. 3. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be borne again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii. 6, 7. 1 Cor. ii. 14. Rev. xiv. 3: xxi. 27.

2 Cor. v. 17. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Ezek. xxxvi. 26. Deut. xxx. 6. Rom. ii. 28, 29; v. 5. 1 John iv. 7.

John iii. 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John i. 13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. James i. 16-18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth. 1 Cor. i. 30. Phil ii. 13.

1 Pet. i. 22-25. Ye have purified your souls by obeying the truth through the Spirit. 1 John v. 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. Eph. iv. 20-24. Col. iii 9-11.

Eph. v. 9. The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. Rom. viii. 9. Gal. v. 16-23.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Mark i. 15. Repent ye, and believe the gospel. Acts xi. 18. Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. Eph. ii. 8. By grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. 1 John v. 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God.

John xvi. 8. He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Acts ii. 37, 38. They were pricked in their heart, and said,—Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Acts xvi. 30, 31.

Luke xviii. 13. And the publican—smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. Luke xv. 18-21. James iv. 7-10. 2 Cor. vii. 11. Rom. x. 12, 13. Ps. li.

Rom. x. 9-11. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt

be saved. Acts iii. 22, 23. Heb. iv. 14. Ps. ii. 6. Heb. i. 8; vii. 25. 2 Tim i. 12.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

Places in the Bible where taught.

2 Tim. i. 8, 9. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel, according to the power of God; who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Eph. i. 3-14. 1 Pet. i. 1, 2. Rom. xi. 5, 6, John xv. 16. 1 John iv. 19.

2 Thess. ii. 13. 14. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through santification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts xiii. 48. John x. 16. Matt. xx. 16. Acts xv. 14.

Ex. xxxiii. 18, 19. And Moses said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. Matt. xx. 15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? Eph. i. 11. Rom. ix. 23., 24. Jer. xxxi. 3. Rom. xi. 28, 29. Jam. i. 17, 18. 2 Tim. i. 9. Rom. xi. 32-36.

1 Cor. iv. 7. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Cor. i. 26-31. Rom. iii. 27; iv. 16. Col. iii. 12. 1 Cor. xv. 10. 1 Pet. v. 10. 1 Thess. ii. 12, 13. 1 Pet. ii. 9. Luke xviii. 7.

2 Tim. ii. 10. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 1 Cor. ix. 22. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. John vi. 37-40. 2 Pet. i. 10.

1 Thess. i. 4-10. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost and in much assurance.

Rom. viii. 28–30. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Isa. xlii. 16. Rom. xi. 29.

2 Pet. i. 10, 11. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Phil. iii. 12. Heb. vi. 11.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work;

that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

Places in the Bible where taught.

1 Thess. iv. 3. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. 1 Thess. v. 23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly. 2 Cor. vii. 1; xiii. 9. Eph. i. 4.

Prov. iv. 18. The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more, unto the perfect day. Heb. vi. 1. 2 Pet. i. 5-8. Phil. iii. 12-16.

1 John ii. 29. If ye know that he (God) is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. Rom. viii. 5. They that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. John iii. 6. Phil. i. 9-11.

Phil. ii. 12, 13. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do, of his good pleasure. Eph. iv. 11, 12, 30; vi. 18. 1 Pet. ii. 2. 2 Pet. iii. 18. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Luke ix. 23; xi. 35. Matt. xxvi. 41. Eph. vi. 18.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Places in the Bible where taught.

John viii. 31. Then said Jesus, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. 1 John ii. 27, 28; iii. 9; v. 18.

1 John ii. 19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. John xiii. 18. Matt. xiii. 20, 21. John vi. 66–69.

Rom. viii. 28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Matt. vi. 30–33. Jer. xxxii. 40. Ps. cxxi. 3; xci. 11-12.

Phil. i. 6. He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil. ii. 12, 13. Jude 24, 25. Heb. i. 14. Heb. xiii. 5. 1 John iv. 4.

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Rom. iii. 31. Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid. yea, we establish the law. Matt. v. 17. Luke xvi. 17. Rom. iii. 20; iv. 15.

Rom. vii. 12. The law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. Rom. vii. 7, 14, 22. Gal. iii. 21. Ps. cxix.

Rom. viii. 7, 8. The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Josh. xxiv. 19. Jer. xiii. 23. John vi. 44; v. 44.

Rom. viii. 2–4. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in

that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. x. 4. Heb. viii. 10; xii. 14. Jude 20, 21.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Places in the Bible where taught.

1 Cor. i. 1-13. Paul—unto the church of God which is at Corinth.—Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Matt. xviii. 17. Acts v. 11; viii. 1; xi. 21–23. 1 Cor. iv. 17; xiv. 23. 3 John 9.

Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added to them about three thousand souls. 2 Cor. viii 5. The first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Acts ii. 47. 1 Cor. v. 12, 13.

1 Cor. xi. 2. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things and keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you. 2 Thess. iii. 6. Rom. xvi. 17–20. 1 Cor. xi. 23–26. Matt. xviii. 15-20. 2 Cor. ii. 17. 1 Cor. iv. 17.

Matt. xxviii. 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. John xiv. 15; xv. 12. 1 John iv. 21. John xiv. 21. 1 Thess. iv. 2. 2 John 6. Gal. vi. 2. All the Epistles.

Eph. iv. 7. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 1 Cor. xiv. 12. Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Phil. i. 27. That I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Phil. i. 1. With the Bishops and the Deacons. Acts xiv. 23; xv. 22. 1. Tim iii. Titus 1.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Acts viii. 36-39. And the eunuch said, See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. Matt. iii. 5, 6. John iii. 22, 23; iv. 1, 2. Matt. xxviii. 19. Mark xvi. 16. Acts ii. 38; viii. 12; xvi. 32-34; xviii. 8.

Matt. xxviii. 19. Baptizing them in the name of the Father. and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Acts x. 47, 48. Gal. iii. 27, 28.

Rom. vi. 4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Col. ii 12. 1 Pet. iii. 20, 21. Acts xxii. 16.

Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Matt. xxviii, 19, 20. Acts, and Epistles.

1 Cor. xi. 26. As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Matt. xxvi. 26-29. Mark xiv. 22-25. Luke xxii. 14-20.

1 Cor. xi. 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. v. 1, 8; x. 3-32; xi. 17-32, John vi. 26-71.

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Places in the Bible where taught

Acts xx. 7. On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them. Gen. ii. 3. Col. ii. 16, 17. Mark ii. 27. John xx. 19. 1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2.

Ex. xx. 8. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Rev. i. 10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. Ps. cxviii. 24. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Isa. lviii. 13, 14. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob.

Ps. cxiii. 15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous.

Heb. x. 24, 25. Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. Acts xi. 26. A whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.

Heb. iv. 3-11. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Rom. xiii. 1-7. The powers that be are ordained of God. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Deut. xvi. 18. 2 Sam. xxiii. 3. Ex. xviii. 21-23. Jer. xxx. 21.

Matt. xxii. 21. Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's. Titus iii. 1. 1 Pet. ii. 13. 1 Tim. ii. 1-3.

Acts v. 29. We ought to obey God rather than man. Matt. x. 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Dan iii. 15-18; vi. 7-10. Acts iv. 18-20.

Matt. xxiii. 10. One is your Master, even Christ. Rom. xiv. 4. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? Rev. xix. 16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Ps. lxxii. 11. Ps. ii. Rom. xiv. 9-13.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Places in the Bible where taught.

Mal. iii. 18. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Prov. xii. 26. Isa. v. 20. Gen. xviii. 23. Acts x 34, 35. Rom. vi. 16.

Rom. i. 17. The just shall live by faith. Rom. vii. 6. We are delivered from the law, that being dead, wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 1 John ii. 29. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John iii. 7. Rom. vi. 18, 22. 1 Cor. xi. 32. Prov. xi. 31. 1 Pet. iv. 17, 18.

1 John v. 19. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. Gal. iii. 10. As many as are of the works of the law are under the curse. John iii. 36. Isa. lvii. 21. Ps. x. 4. Isa. lv. 6, 7.

Prov. xiv. 32. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. (See, also, the example of the rich man and Lazarus.) Luke xvi. 25. Thou in thy life-time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. John viii. 21-24. Prov. x. 24. Luke xii. 4, 5; ix. 23-26. John xii. 25, 26. Eccl. iii. 17. Matt. vii. 13, 14.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

Places in the Bible where taught.

1 Pet. iv. 7. But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 Cor. vii. 29-31. Heb. i. 10-12. Matt. xxv. 31; xxviii. 20; xiii. 39-43. 1 John ii. 17. 2 Pet. iii. 3-13.

Acts i. 11. This same Jesus which was taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Rev. i. 7. Heb. ix. 28. Acts iii. 21. 1 Thess. iv. 13-18; v. 1-11.

Acts xxiv. 15. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 1 Cor. xv. 12-59. Luke xiv. 14. Dan. xii. 2. John v. 28, 29; vi. 40; xi. 25, 26. Acts x. 42.

Matt. xiii. 49. The angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Matt. xiii. 37-43; xxiv. 30, 31; xxv. 31-33.

Matt. xxv. 31-46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Rev. xxii. 11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10. Mark ix. 43-48. 2 Pet. ii. 9. Jude 7. Phil. iii. 19. Rom. vi. 32. 2 Cor. v. 10, 11. John iv. 36. 2 Cor. iv. 18.

Rom. iii. 5, 6. Is God unrighteous, who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man.) God forbid; for how then shall God judge the world? 2 Thess. i. 6-12. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them who trouble you, and to you who are troubled, rest with us—when he

shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe. Heb. vi. 1, 2. 1 Cor. iv. 5. Acts xvii. 31. Rom. ii. 2-16. Rev. xx. 11, 12. 1 John ii. 28; iv. 17.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God? 2 Peter iii. 11, 12.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant, and the principles of God's word.

PRAYER.

Now, the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will; working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, June 20th, 1893.

The General Baptist Convention of California met this day on its twelfth annual session in the Auditorium of the California Baptist Resort Association at 7.30 P. M.

Owing to the absence of the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer and Rev. W. F. Jordan were elected temporarily to serve as Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

Rev. W. L. Gaston of Vallejo was appointed to report the proceedings of the Convention for the *Pacific Baptist.*

At this point of the proceedings, Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D., First Vice-President of the Convention, arrived, and on taking the chair appointed the following committees, viz:

ON ENROLLMENT:—Revs. A. J. Sturtevant, Ray Palmer and I. D. Wood.

ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:—Revs. B. F. Hudelson, S. S. Fisk and Bro. E. F. Joy.

ON ARRANGEMENTS:—Revs. Frank B. Cressey, Bunyan Spencer and Dr. I. S. Eshleman.

At this point prayers were made by Rev. W. C. Houghton and Rev. W. B. Pope, after which the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Reider of the Cavalry Church, Sacramento. Text, Genesis 4:9, "Am I my brother's keeper." Theme: "Man's Relation to Man."

After the sermon, the Convention collection was taken and amounted to $14.55.

The Committee on Arrangements reported the order of business for Wednesday, and it was adopted.

The Committee on Enrollment made a partial report, and was granted further time to perfect the same.

The Convention, after prayer by Dr. E. H. Gray, adjourned to Wednesday morning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Alameda.—Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer, Mrs. L. W. Fielding.

Berkeley.—Rev. E. T. Whittemore, Miss Annabel McDonell.

Calvary, Sacramento.—Rev. J. W. Reider, B. F. Tate, W. R. Strong, Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. S. V. Chapman.

Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco.—Dr. J. B. Hartwell.

Beth Eden, Oakland.—Rev. R. A. McGuinn, Mrs. R. A. McGuinn, Samuel Jones.

Dano-Norwegian, Oakland.—Rev. N. Tychsen.

Dixon.—Rev. W. T. Jordan, H. E. McCune, Mrs. H. E. McCune, G. M. Coulter.

Emmanuel, San Francisco.—Rev. Frank Cressey, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis.

Emmanuel, San Jose.—Rev. John Barr.

Emmanuel, Sacramento—Geo. M. Purnell

First, Fresno.—Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D., Dr. I. S. Eschlemann, Mrs. M. D. Eschlemann, Frank Horn, Mrs. Williams.

First, Oakland.—J. L. Lyon, Mrs. J. L. Lyon, Mrs. Bache, Mrs. J. R. Mason, —(Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D.; Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. Sunderland, Rev. Bunyan Spencer—life members.)

First Swedish, Oakland—Rev. A. Sjolander.

First, Sacramento—Rev. A. C. Herrick, D. J. Davis, Mrs. Carnett, John Douglas, Mrs. Rummage.

First, San Francisco.—O. C. Pope, H. L. Gear, Mrs. H. L. Gear, E. F. Joy, Mrs. E. F. Joy.

First, San Jose.— Rev. F. M. Mitchell, Mrs. M. D. Burgess, S. B. Hunkins, R. R. May, J. B. Farley.

First, Santa Cruz—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Mrs. S. P. Stewart, N. I. Bixby.

First, Stockton.—Rev. Ray Palmer, Mrs. A. M. Rowe, Mrs. T. C. Hook, Mrs. A Ralph.

Golden Gate.—Rev. B. Hudelson, W. G. McGinty, Mrs. C. T. Davis.

Gonzales.—Rev. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. Wm. Sarles.

German, San Francisco.—Rev. H. L. Dietz.

Los Gatos.—Rev. S. B. Randall, O. B. Kimball, Miss Julia Dawson.

Mountain View.—Rev. E. H. Hayden, C. P. Berry, Mrs. C. P. Berry.

Merced.—Rev. W. R. Connolly.

Napa.— Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

Penryn.—W. J. Howell.

Paicines.—Rev. G. E. Jones.

Reno.—W. B. Pope.

Reedley.—Rev. J. N. Lacy.

Red Bluff.—Rev. W. J. Eyles, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Lena Hamilton, Miss Pendleton.

Redding.—Rev. G. W. Donnell.

San Pablo.—Rev. T. B. Hughes.

Santa Rosa—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Mrs. M. E. Nick, Miss Nellie Conner.

Sanger.—Rev. J. N. Lacy.

Second, Santa Cruz—D. J. Brook, John Dymatt.

Twentieth St., Oakland.—Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Mrs. M. J. Thompson.

Twenty-third Avenue, Oakland.—Rev. S. B. Morse, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Miss Mary Bamford, T. H. Chadwick, Mrs. E. W. Darling, (Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. W. H. Latourette—life members.)

Third, San Francisco.—Rev. Geo. E. Duncan, Mrs. Jane F. Duncan.

Temple Grove.—Rev. W. V. Gray, H. T. Tite, Mrs. H. T. Hite.

Tulare.—Ed. Travis.

Ukiah.—J. T. Todd, Mrs. J. T. Todd, W. A. Lindsey.

Vallejo.—Rev. W. L. Gaston, Miss Addie Lacey, Miss Ida Hyde.

Visalia.—M. S. Featherstone.

Wheatland.—Rev. W. E. Houghton, John King, Mrs. Rassella King.

Woodland.— Rev. J. G. Pulham, C. T. Bidwell.

Willows.—Rev. A. M. Russell.

WEDNESDAY, June 21st, 1893.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. W. B. Gray. Dr. DeWitt called the Convention to order at 9 o'clock A. M.

Rev. W. T. Jordan was asked to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

The Committee on Arrangements made a further report for the day, which was adopted.

The Committtee on Nominations reported as follows:

For President:—J. L. Lyon, Oakland.

For First Vice-President:—H. L. Gear, San Francisco.

For Second Vice-President:—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Napa.

For Secretary:—O. C. Pope, San Francisco.

For Statistical Secretary:—Rev. J. H. Reider, Sacramento.

For Treasurer:—C. F. Baker, Oakland.

For Auditor:—C. T. Bidwell, Woodland.

On motion made by Rev. F. B. Cressey, and it being seconded, the report was accepted.

On motion made by Bro. E. F. Joy, and it being seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Convention for the officers as announced. The vote was so cast and Dr. H. G. DeWitt announced that votes for J. L. Lyon as President, H. L. Gear as First Vice-President, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant as Second Vice-President, O. C. Pope as Secretary, Rev. J. H. Reider, as Statistical Secretary, C. F. Baker as Treasurer, C. T. Bidwell as Auditor, had been cast, and declared them as duly elected to serve for the coming year until the next annual session.

Dr. H. G. DeWitt appointed Dr. E. H. Gray to escort the President elect, J. L. Lyon to the chair, which he did, and O. C. Pope took his place as Secretary.

The Committee on Arrangements reported the order of exercises for the evening, and on motion made and seconded, it was adopted.

The Committee on the New Constitution made its report and the proposed new Constitution was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. W. T. Jordan, and on motion made and seconded, the report was received and ordered placed on file.

Rev. S. S. Fisk made a motion, prefacing it with a few remarks as follows:

That, as it was very important that all present should take the New Constitution and look it over at home before it was adopted, and, that the consideration of the adoption of the New Constitution be deferred for one year; which motion, on being seconded, was carried.

Then, on motion made and seconded:

That the Old Constitution and the New Constitution (as proposed) be printed in the Minutes of the Convention, so that all might see, read and judge for themselves as to the New Constitution being adopted.

After remarks being made on the motion it was laid before the Convention and was carried unanimously.

The President, J. L. Lyon, appointed as a Committee on Reception of New Churches:—Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Bro. W. R. Strong.

On motion made, seconded and carried, Rev. G. W. Donnell was appointed as Assistant Treasurer.

On motion made and seconded:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of this Convention: that each church pay the expenses of its delegates to the annual meeting of the State Convention. It was carried.

The Convention adjourned, after prayer.

The work of the Baptist Chinese Mission under the control of the Convention was then taken up under the lead of Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D. Brief and interesting reports were made by different parties during the time allowed.

The following officers were elected:—Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., President; F. H. Chadwick, Secretary.

The time allotted having expired, matters appertaining to the Pacific Baptist Theological Union then came up, H. L. Gear presiding.

The following directors for the ensuing year were elected:—H. E. McCune, H. L. Gear, Rev. Ray Palmer, W. R. Strong, Rev. Frank B. Cressey, Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D., Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. J. H. Reider, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, C. F. Baker and C. N. Whitmore.

THURSDAY, June 22nd, 1893.

The Convention was called to order by the President, J. L. Lyon, at 9:30 A. M. and opened by prayer from Rev. W. R. Connelly.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, through its chairman, the programme for the day and evening, and on motion made and seconded, was adopted.

The Committee on New Churches reported, through its Chairman, Rev. W. H. Latourette, and on protest from the First Baptist Church of Fresno, against the reception of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fresno; the said protest being in the form of the following two objections from Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D.:

First—On account of locality, the new church being only one block away from the First Church.

Second—On account of not being invited to the Recognition Council; the following motion was made and seconded, the report was adopted with the exception of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fresno.

The Report is as follows:

Your Committee on Reception of New Churches, recommend the reception of the Modesto Baptist Church, represented by Rev. A. T. Ayres and Mrs. Ida B. Ayres.

The First Baptist Church of Hanford. No delegates.

The First Baptist Church of Caruthers. No delegates.

The First Baptist Church of Visalia, represented by M. S. Featherstone and Mrs. M. E. Featherstone.

The First Baptist Church of Mendocino City, represented by Rev. H. E. Adams.

And that they be received into this Convention.

REV. W. H. LATOURETTE,
W. R. STRONG,
REV. E. H. GRAY, D. D.
} Committee.

In reference to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fresno, the following was done:

On motion made and seconded: That a committee of five disinterested persons be appointed to inquire into the questions of dispute and disagreement between the First Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Baptist Church, both of Fresno, and to report the same to the Convention at its regular annual session next year. It was carried.

The President, J. L. Lyon, was authorized to appoint the said Committee, and he appointed the following named persons to act.

The Committee of Investigation to inquire into the matters relating to the admission of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Fresno are:—W. R. Strong, Sacramento: H. E. McCune, Dixon; C. N. Whitmore, Ceres; E. F. Joy, San Francisco; and the Convention added the President, J. L. Lyon, Oakland, to the Committee.

The question of who should stand the expense incurred by the said Investigation Committee came up, and after some discussion the delegates from the Emmanuel Church guaranteed that the Emmanuel Church would pay the expenses incurred by the said Committee.

At this point of proceedings, it was moved and seconded, to suspend the Order of Business for the recognition of the Pastors and workers who were new in the field, and to visiting brethren, and the following were introduced to the Convention by Rev. W. H. Latourette.

Revs. G. E. Jones, I. D. Wood, W. L. Gaston, F. M. Mitchell, G. W. Donnell, W. B. Pope, G. N. Ballentine, G. J. Burchett, N. Tychsen, A. F. Ayres, E. F. Jones, Geo. T. Ellis, J. H. Van Lue and Turner, and they were cordially welcomed by the Convention.

The President, J. L. Lyon, read the names of the brethren selected by him to comprise the following Committees:

ON IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: —Revs. B. F. Hudelson, J. Sunderland, A. Sjolander, A. J. Sturtevant, Bro. J. C. Beecher.

ON NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS:—Revs. E. H. Gray, D. D., F. S. Lawrence, A. M. Russell, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, O. B. Kimball.

On Place and Appointment:—Bro. E. F. Joy, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. H. G. DeWitt, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, Bro. H. F. Hite.

On Obituaries:—Revs. Ray Palmer, J. H. Reider, Bros. W. R. Strong, J. T. Todd, M. S. Featherstone.

On Chinese Missions:—Revs. S. B. Morse, D. D., W. T. Jordan, G. S. Abbott, D. D., R. A. McGuinn, G. N. Ballentine.

On Resolutions:—Revs. I. D. Wood, S. B. Randall, S. S. Fiske, Bro. H. L. Gear and Bro. G. M. Coulter.

On Education Works:—Revs. Z. C. Rush, J. G. Pulliam.

The Report of the Executive Committee of the Directors of the Convention was presented to the Convention and read by Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, and, on motion made and seconded, the report was received.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

The Executive Committee in presenting their twelfth Annual Report have greater cause for gratitude to the Lord of the Harvest than on any preceding similar occasion, as the following facts will show.

First—There have been no losses by death from the Board of Directors, or from the Missionary Staff.

Second—Very few of the Mission Churches have been called upon to meet the hindrance to the work occasioned by the removal of the pastor.

Third—The additions to these churches during the year have been 191 by baptism and 332 from other sources, making a total of 523.

Fourth—Our gain in central California during the associational year ending September 30th, 1892, was 52 per cent of the membership of the churches in that district.

Fifth—Three Mission Churches ask less aid than formerly. Four have become self-supporting, and in eleven fields new work has been commenced.

Sixth—A still further cause for encouragement may be found in taking into review what has been accomplished during the past seven years, the period of service rendered to the Convention by the present (General Secretary). In that time, in order to more effectively meet the needs of the State, a separate Convention has been organized for Southern California, which covers all that portion of the State lying south of Monterey and Tulare counties. Four years ago, at the annual meeting held in Sacramento, our Convention was incorporated under the laws of the State, and became a legally competent body to transact business.

During these seven years the following churches have attained self-support, viz:—First of Fresno, Vallejo, St. Helena, Chico, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Gonzales, Los Gatos, Selma, Tulare, Emmanuel of San Jose; Twenty-third Avenue, Oakland; Swedish, Oakland; San Pablo Avenue, Oakland; Santa Clara; Woodland, and Emmanuel of San Francisco.

Twelve churches have been aided to build edifices, viz.:—Exeter, Lemoore, Los Gatos, Sanger, Santa Cruz, Second; Selma, Tulare, Reedley, Redding; Swedish of Oakland; Penryn and Vacaville.

The aggregate sum given to these enterprises was $4,600 and the amount of property secured thereby was $40,000.

And the following Mission Churches have built houses of worship without aid from the Edifice Fund, viz.: Anderson, Berkeley, Emmanuel of San Jose, Emmanuel of San Francisco, Madera, Napa, Dinuba, Merced, Waterford and Willitts.

Seventh—A comparison of the work done during the year just closed as contrasted with that accomplished seven years ago, furnishes us with another profound cause for thankfulness. Then the numerical strength of the demomination was 4,954; now it is 7,574. Then we raised for the State Missions Work,

$1,297; now $2,538.15. Then the amount given by the Home Mission Society was $1,333; now it is $7,000. Then the number of missionaries was ten; now it is 28. Then the amount of money appropriated for the support of missionaries was $2,400; now it is $8,157.50. Then the missionary work of the whole State resulted in the addition of 231 members; now for our field only it is 522.

Eighth—This year we have received the largest appropriation ever made by the Home Mission Society to our Convention, the sum now being $7,000, and the continuance of the Edifice Appoprriation. Our thanks under God are due and are hereby heartily extended to the Society for its generous assistance. Without such aid it would be impossible for us to touch the spiritual destitution of our field.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The Convention year commenced April 1, 1892, and ended March 31, 1893. The Executive Committee held sixteen meetings in the twelve months. The missionaries of the Board have labored successfully, as the following table will show:

Weeks of labor	901
Sermons preached	2,391
Prayer meetings held	1,268
Religious visits made	7,595
Baptisms	191
Other additions	332
Entire membership	1,582
Sunday School pupils	2,041

Several important changes in the work were made necessary by reason of the debt which rested upon the Convention at the commencement of the year. The Executive Committee at its final meeting after the Annual Meeting outlined the work of the year, and determined to keep the appropriation within reasonable expectation of the receipts of the treasury, and their determination has been adhered to as closely as possible.

It compelled the Committee to regretfully decline the re-appointment of Rev. I. L. Sanford, as Clear Lake Associational Missionary, Rev. W. R. Connelly, who had served for two years as Edifice Missionary, and Rev. C. S. Mason, who for twelve months had rendered effective service as District Missionary.

As mentioned above, the sum of $8,157.50 has been appropriated to the support of missionaries and in the amounts herein specified:

Auburn and Penryn, Rev. W. H. Randall, 9 months, $225.00.

Beth Eden, Oakland, Rev. R. A. McGuinn, 12 months, $400.00.

Berkeley, Rev. E. T. Whittemore, 12 months, $300.00

Clear Lake Association, Rev. S. L. Sanford, 3 months, $120.00

Central California, Rev. I. D. Wood, 12 months, $1,000.00.

Dano-Norwegian, Oakland, Rev. Knut Nelson and Rev. N. Tychsen, 12 months, $412.50.

Eureka, Rev. E. S. Sanford, 9 months, $300.00.

Hanford, Rev. W. W. Robinson, 3 months, $75.00.

Los Gatos, Rev. S. B. Randall, 3 months, $75.00.

Madera, Rev. Z. C. Rush, 12 months, $275.00.

Merced and Waterford Rev. W. R. Connelly, 9 months, $400.00.

Mountain View, Rev. E. H. Hayden, 5 months, $166.66.

Napa, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, 12 months, $108.33.

Porterville, Exeter and Visalia, Rev. J. M. French, 10 months, $333.33.

Redding and Anderson, Rev. G. W. Donnell, 5 months, $166.66.

Reedley and Sanger. Rev. J. N Lacy, 4½ months, $100.00.

Sacramento, Emmanuel, Rev. H. B. Hutchins and Rev. S. P. Davis, 12 months, $300.00.

San Jose, Emmanuel, Rev. John Barr, 10 months, $166.66.

San Jose, Swedish, Rev. F. Feare, 6 months, $201.00.

San Francisco, Hamilton Square, Rev. A. W. Runyan, 6 months, $150.00.

San Francisco, Swedish, Rev. A. Olsen, 6 months, $150.00.

Tulare, Rev. J. H. Storms, 6 months, $50.00.

Swedish General Missionary, Rev. C. M. Nelson, 7 months, $466.66.

Swedish District Missionary for Tehama and Sacramento counties, Rev. N. Hayland, 3 months, $200.00.

Swedish District Missionary for Santa Clara, Mendocino and Humboldt counties, Rev. J. O. Johnson, 1 month, $66.66.

General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, 12 months, $1,500.00.

Some facts concerning the work accomplished are worthy of special mention:

Beth Eden, Oakland, 11 persons have been received by Baptism and 21 by letter and experience. Church edifice and pastor's home have been secured in a central location, with only a debt of $1,900.00. The purchase of this property was effected by the Executive Committee and is held for the Convention in the name of J. L. Lyon, Chairman of said Committee, until the same shall be fully paid for by the church.

Eureka—An interest almost dead has been resuscitated. House completely renovated; $850.00 raised in addition to pastor's salary. Largest evening congregation of young men and young women in the city. Population at least 8,000.

Madera—14 received by baptism and 21 in other ways.

Merced and Waterford—At each of these places Rev. W. R. Connelly has enclosed an excellent edifice and raised the money to pay for the same. At the latter place a church has been organized by Bro. Hudelson, as a result of special meetings conducted by him.

Redding—23 baptized and 13 received by letter. Is now the foremost church in the town. Anderson, which is linked with Redding, under the same pastor, has built a chapel without aid from the Edifice Fund.

Reedley—17 added by baptism.

Sacramento, Emmanuel—19 received by baptism and 2 by letter.

San Jose, Emmanuel—Good progress has been made toward self-support, 21 received by baptism and 8 by other means.

Porterville—Bro. French commenced work with the Porterville, Exeter and Visalia Churches June 1, 1892. His labors have been conspicuously evangelistic. The aggregate membership has been more than trebled. At Visalia the seat of Tulare county, with a population of 3,000, wonderful progress has been made. Under the direction of the Board of Tulare Association, District Missionary I. D Wood has organized the Emmanual Church, Fresno, Hanford, Carruthers, and three churches of the colored people, viz.: Fresno, Hanford and Tulare. In addition to the foregoing, Bro. Wood has held protracted meetings, cared for churches until pastors could be secured, and raised the funds for the support of several of them.

The General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, has been, as usual, abundant in labor. He has delivered 87 sermons and addresses, attended 199 meetings and conferences, written 1,287 letters and postal cards, travelled 20,280 miles, and visited 74 churches. The Conventions of Washington, Oregon and Southern California, each with a General Secretary, have a total population of 887,000, while the population of the territory covered by this Convention is 976,000. It will be seen that our General Secretary has a larger field to cover than the combined fields of the three above named Conventions, and perhaps we sometimes expect the work of three men from him.

New work has been commenced at the following points, viz.: Carruthers, Exeter, Hanford, Mountain View, Oak Valley, Porterville, Reedley, Sanger, San Jose, Visalia and Waterford.

Exeter, Los Gatos, Redding and Reedley have complied with the conditions of the New York Board, and have received gifts from the Edifice Fund amounting to $1,800, thus securing to the denomination property worth about $160,000.

Applications for help from the Fund are pending from Arbuckle, Golden Gate, Oakland, Middletown, Mountain View and Emmanuel of Sacramento. During the year the Home Mission Secretary has co-operated in this department on the basis of three dollars for one.

The Clear Lake, Sacramento River, Tulare and Pacific Associations, and ths Swedish Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society of California have co-operated with the Convention on the basis of dollar for dollar.

The Woman's Home Mission Society, acting under the advice of the Executive Committee, has undertaken the support of three missionary pastors, viz.: Revs. N. Tychsen, of the Dano-Norwegian Church, Oakland; E. T. Sandford, of Eureka, and J. M. French, of Porterville, and have appropriated $200 for edifice work at Arbuckle.

The church at Nevada City, having become nearly extinct, asked the committee during the year to take over their property and dispose of the same for missionary or educational purposes, on condition of the payment of all expenses incidental to such transfer, and on the payment of a debt of $52. The property consists of two large lots on a prominent corner in the city, and of an old, but fairly commodious, edifice thereon, and is estimated to be worth $2,000. The proposal has been accepted, and the transfer awaits only the order of the Superior Court of Nevada County.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Hartwell, who for many years has faithfully and efficiently served the Convention as its Statistical Secretary, has, owing to his contemplated return to China, resigned that office. The committee accepted the resignation with the deepest regret and with feelings of lasting indebtedness to our esteemed brother for his valuable services. Very few of our people have the remotest idea of the enormous amount of labor connected with this office.

At the request of the committee, O. C. Pope, Esq., of San Francisco, consented to fill the vacancy occasioned by Dr. Hartwell's resignation, for the unexpired term.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First—Impressed with the needs of our field, with the short pastorate of the majority of the men, who come to us from the Eastern States, with the fact that none of our Baptist enterprises can thrive on desultory labor, and with the conviction that every field ought to raise up its own laborers, we are more deeply persuaded that the capable young men of our churches should enter upon the ministry of the Gospel, and live and die in California. We recommend that our people pray the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth many of the Baptist Sons of ths Golden West into the ministry of the Lord Jesus. We urge parents to pray God to call their own children to become laborers for Him in this State, and that our pastors give every encouragement to these young men who give promise of suitability for this great work.

Second—Several churches have failed to contribute to the funds of the Convention during the year. Many of these are weak numerically and financially. But their aggregate contributions, however, would have doubled themselves by the pro rata, which the board could have secured from the Home Mission Society, and several additional fields of their own could have been aided, which have now been unassisted by reason of their failure to contribute.

It needs to be impressed upon all our churches that the Convention Board has no money, and that the New York Society gives us no money, and that no mission helps can be given to any field, except that our people take the initiative in raising their pro rata. The bearing of that term PRO RATA needs to be more fully understood by all. We urge the thought that this work is the work of all the churches, and not of the Board, the latter being only the representatives of the denomination.

Third—In Northern California, covered by the Eastern, Sacramento River and Clear Lake Associations, there are many small churches, and several of

them are pastorless, and have been so for years. Large portions of this field are entirely destitute of gospel privileges. Opportunities for denominational growth and the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom are constantly being lost to us. By proper evangelistic labor many of these churches, and some that might be organized, could be linked together in joint pastoral support.

Also churches needing, deserving and asking aid in the support of missionary pastors, could be rendered self-supporting by a little wise and helpful labor on the part of a District Missionary. We therefore recommend that in financial co-operation with the associations named, the new board endeavor to secure the appointment of such a District Missionary.

Fourth—We are paralyzed before the awful needs of our field and the insufficient pecuniary resources at our command to meet them. We believe that the sum of $20,000 judiciously expended during the present year would fail to do all that should be done, and this belief is based on the actual needs, presented to us, and on the expenditure of other denominations within the bounds of this Convention. There is scarcely a community of 500 people where, with a little effort, a Baptist church could not be organized. Scores of such communities are now without Baptist churches, and many of them are not over-supplied with churches of other denominations, and several of them are destitute of gospel privileges.

With a view to reduce the debt of $3,000 with which the year began, the committee has prosecuted its labors in a most conservative spirit. Many applications from churches for aid have been declined, and others have been returned with a recommendation that the church ask for a smaller sum from the Society, and raise a larger amount themselves, and still others have been discouraged from asking for such aid, and in no case has aid been given until the pro rata of dollar for dollar has been reasonably assured by the co-operating associations. We therefore recommend that during the present year an effort be made by the churches of this Convention to raise at least $5,000 towards this work, and we believe that with a constituency of over 7,000 members no difficulty ought to be experienced in raising that sum.

Fifth—The custom that has obtained heretofore among many of the churches of this Convention, of taking their collection for this work within a month or two of the annual meeting, and with no definite amount set before them to be raised, has occasioned the board great perplexity, owing to the indefiniteness of the income. There has been a failure to come to the reasonable expectation of the board—hence the accumulation of a debt.

WE RECOMMEND

First—That the amount asked for be apportioned among the churches by the board.

Second—That the churches respond to the board during the next thirty days with pledges for the amount they will pay some time during the year.

Third—That the new board issue a circular to this effect, and mail to the churches without delay.

Fourth—That each pastor is hereby urged to conscientious and persistent co-operation in this effort.

WM. C. SPENCER,
Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held June 21, 1893, the foregoing report was duly approved of by the board.

H. E. MCCUNE, President.
WM. C. SPENCER, Secretary pro tem.

At the close of this report, on motion made and seconded, it was received.

Addresses from pastors and others in the field were made, among whom were Revs. John Barr, R. A. McGuinn, G. W. Donnell. I. D. Wood, B. F. Hudelson and Rev. A. Sjolander. The last read a report on Swedish Baptist Missions.

Rev. James Sunderland brought to the attention of the Convention the matter of a proposed sanitarium to be under the control of the denomination, and Rev. G. J. Burchett read a proposition from Dr. Mrs. Goldson of the Lakeside Sanitarium, Oakland, which she proposed, under certain conditions, to turn over to the Baptists, with a report from the committee on the proposition, and on motion made and seconded, the report was received and placed on file and the committee discharged.

Then, on motion made and seconded, it was resolved: That a committee be appointed to look into the proposition of accepting the Lakeside Sanitarium as given to us by Dr. Mrs. Goldson, and to make a thorough investigation of it and to report the same to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and then to leave it to the discretion of the Executive Committee to report to the full Board of Directors for final action, and that the said Investigation Committee should consist of nine business men. It was carried.

The appointment of the above committee was, on motion made, seconded and carried, left to the President to do, who chose the following:

Dr. E. H. Gray, H. L. Gear, L. D. Inskeep, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, J. G. Hoyt, C. F. Baker, Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, and J. L. Lyon was also placed on the committee by the Convention. Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:15 O'CLOCK.

The Convention was called to order by the President, J. L. Lyon, at 2:15 P. M., and opened by prayer from Dr. E. H. Gray.

Rev. W. B. Pope, of Reno, spoke about the work and the needs of the Baptists in the State of Nevada.

The Committee on Important Points in the Report of the Executive Committee made its report through its Chairman, Rev. B. F. Hudelson, and on motion made, seconded and carried, it was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORTANT POINTS.

Your Committee on Important Points in the Report of the Executive Committee beg leave to present the following:

We listened to the report with the deepest interest and with profound gratitude to God for the abundant blessings which have attended the efforts of the Convention, not only of the past year; but also of the seven years' period revised. It is a remarkable record that so many churches, after so short a period of help, have become self-supporting. The following points seem to us to deserve special attention.

First—As to the raising up of a ministry among us. While thankful to God for the men sent us of God from other points of the country, we feel deeply that our churches do not realize their real responsibilities for the raising up of a ministry in and for our own State. The harvest and the work are always in excess of the working force. The Saviour's one specific direction is: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth the laborers into his harvest." This is always binding, and in special times and circumstances, like ours in California, with a vast and growing work upon our hands, and isolated from Eastern sources of supply, the command becomes emphatic.

We need to ask all of our churches to get down upon their knees before God with this cry, till an adequate supply is obtained for this service.

Your committee also feels that the men upon the fields should, as far as possible, be fully utilized.

Second—With regard to the churches which do not contribute, we believe that every church within the bounds of this Convention ought to be a helper to its work, and that those who plead weakness as a reason for not doing so, are not only failing to strengthen the hands of the Committee, but are also failing to de-

velop the outreaching spirit of missions which is so essential to their own life. Our motto should be, "Something from every church." Inability to do what they would like to do, does not excuse them from doing something.

Third—The suggestion of the Report that we raise this year $5,000.00 is in our judgment, rather too low than too high, and we approve of the suggestion to apportion this sum among the churches by the Executive Committee, and to do it as soon as possible and to avoid the difficulty of delayed contributions, we recommend to all our churches to give one quarter of the year to each of the four leading benevolent causes, and so far as practicable, to give the closing quarter of the calendar year to State and Home Missions.

Fourth—We recommend that a District Missionary shall be appointed for northern California as soon as the Executive Committee can see the way clear to provide for his support.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HUDELSON, Chairman.

Remarks on the Report were made by Revs. J. Sunderland, H. E. Adams, Ray Palmer, A. T. Ayres, A. M. Russell, B. F. Hudelson, H. L. Dietz, J. N. Lacy, Geo. E. Duncan, W. T. Jordan, G. E. Jones, J. H. Reider, and Bros. Wheeler and Lyon.

On motion by Dr. G. S. Abbott, D. D., made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a plan of action to improve the manner of systematic giving in our State; and it being seconded, was carried, and the President was requested to appoint said committee and he appointed the following brethren, viz.: Dr. G. S. Abbott, Revs. J. H. Reider, Bunyan Spencer and Bros. G. M. Coulter and H. E. McCune, to serve on the said committee, with the request that they report later during the session.

Report on Place and Appointment for next year was presented.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your Committee on Place and Preacher recommend that Rev. A. M. Russell preach the Convention Sermon, with Rev. S. K. Dexter as alternate, and that we meet at Highland Park in connection with the Annual Commencement of our College, which will occur about the last week in May, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to set the day and arrange the necessary details.

E. F. JOY,
H. G. DEWITT,
H. F. HITE,
W. H. LATOURETTE,
WM. C. SPENCER,
Committee.

After remarks from E. F. Joy, Chairman of the Committee, explaining the action of the Committee in choosing Highland Park instead of Twin Lakes for next year, and on motion made, seconded and carried, the report was adopted as read.

On motion made by Rev. W. H. Latourette, that this report be laid on the table for further action, it being seconded, the motion was carried, and the report laid on the table for further action.

The Report on Chinese Missions was presented and read by the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. S. B. Morse.

REPORT ON CHINESE MISSIONS.

The work among the Chinese of our State has not been so fully reported as your Committee could wish, hence our report must be meagre.

The Mission at San Francisco shows faithful work and good results.

Five (5) have been baptized and two (2) received by letter.

Our Chinese brothers certainly set us a good example in their Christian beneficences and show a faithfulness in the Christian lives that is worthy of imitation.

Chico reports continued work and encouragement.

Tulare has a small mission.

Fresno has a large mission under the leadership of Miss Stein, and owns quite a valuable mission property.

Oakland has sent us no report, but we believe has done regular work under Mrs. Bradway, missionary.

Two young men from Dr. Hartwell's Mission have been attending California College during the year.

We would recommend to our churches and Christian workers in places where there are Chinese in any considerable numbers, to establish schools and Christian work among this people.

We regret the departure of our brother, Dr. J. B. Hartwell from the State and earnestly pray God that He may soon send a successor to fill that important post in the Metropolis of our Coast.

S. B. Morse,
G. S. Abbott,
W. T. Jordan,
G. N. Ballentine,
R. McGuinn,
Committee.

After remarks from many of the brethren present, on motion made, seconded and carried, the Report was adopted.

After prayer from Rev G. J. Burchett, the Convention adjourned until the evening.

Thursday Evening, June 23, 1893.

The services for the evening commenced at 7:30 by a prayer meeting led by Rev. A. M. Russell of Willows. Topic, "God's Surprises and Grace Towards His People," and continued till 8 o'clock, at which time the President, J. L. Lyon, called the Convention to order, and asked Rev. Ray Palmer to open the session with a song, followed by a prayer from Dr. S. B. Morse.

The Statistical Report not being ready on account of so few churches sending in their letters, the Statistical Secretary reported that he had sent out over one hundred and fifty and had received only forty or fifty in reply, so could not read the report, but instead, read the names of the churches that had not sent in their statistical letters, with the request that the delegates on their return home would see that the said letters were filled out and mailed to his address.

It was on motion made, seconded and carried, that the Convention take from the table the Report of the Committee as to the Place of Meeting and Appointment.

The Chairman of the Committee, Bro. E. F. Joy, again gave the reasons which had influenced the Committee in its recommendation and said, that the reasons for doing so were that the work of the Convention and of the College might be brought into closer relations and that a more practical sympathy in behalf of the College might be awakened in the denomination at large.

After considerable discussion and remarks, the report was, on motion made and seconded, adopted as recommended.

The Committee on Baptist Educational Work presented its Report through its Chairman, Rev. J. G. Pulliam, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Dear Brethren of the California Baptist Educational Society:

Your Committee on Baptist Educational Work in nothern and central

California, are delighted to find that so good a beginning has been made by our Baptist brotherhood in this very important department of Christian work.

We have already the well laid foundations of two excellent institutions of learning in this part of our great State, the California College and the Theological Seminary in the city of Oakland.

Your Committee, so far as they have been able to learn, are profoundly impressed with the wisdom and purity of the principles and plans on which these institutions have been founded. They are certainly deep enough to endure the tests to which they will be subjected to, and broad enough to comprehend the wants of our people for many generations.

Considering the means employed, the corps of teachers is quite good and the course of study full. The reasons assigned in the reports of the President and Faculty for the course of study, seem to us the best that we have ever heard.

The instructions, so far as we have been able to learn, are most thorough.

The duty of Baptists to sustain these institutions by sending to them their sons and daughters, accompanied with their money and their prayers, is most apparent.

While Christianity is first, education is second.

The Christian religion is mistress, but a liberal education is her faithful handmaid and should always attend her.

Education without religion is simply intellectual power without moral control and may be a dangerous as well as a good thing. Religion without education is liable to degenerate into superstition. The Church and the School should go together. Christians have always been the patrons of education. The great schools of Europe and America owe their existence to Christianity.

On the other hand, education has been a wonderful helper in the cause of religion. It is doubtful whether the Great Reformation under Luther would have succeeded had it not been preceded by the revival of Greek literature. Christianity has nothing to fear from education, but much to dread from the lack of it.

Let our churches then come to the rescue of our schools and make the same provision for them that they do for our churches and mission work. To save men's souls and to educate their minds are only different parts of the same great work.

Therefore, we would urge our people in northern and central California to rally around our schools in Oakland and to see that a sufficient endorsement is secured and that their halls are filled with students.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. C. Rush, Chairman.
By J. G. Pulliam.

After the reading of the above report, an Educational Address was given by Rev. Frank B. Cressey, and a few remarks by Dr. S. B. Morse at the close of the session, which were as follows:

"During the six years of the college at Highland Park $75,000 worth of real estate has been secured; also twelve acres and three beautiful buildings, and $42,000 in endowments. The annual average of students has been 100; the library containing 2,000 volumes, and a valuable geological museum are among the appointments of the school. A month ago ten were graduated from the Academical Department and two from the Collegiate. The work demands at least $50,000 more endowments at the earliest date, beside other important additions."

On motion made and seconded, the report of the Committee on Educational Work was received.

Adjourned for Friday morning, June 23, 1893.

Friday, June 23, 1893.

At 8:30 this morning there was held a prayer and praise service led by Rev. G. T. Ellis, of Baker City, Oregon.

At 9:15 o'clock the President, J. L. Lyon, took the chair and called the Convention to order, and prayer was offered by Rev. A. C. Herrick.

The Committee on Sunday School Work tendered its report through its Chairman, Dr. S. S. Fisk.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee on Sunday-School Work respectfully submits the following report.

From personal observation, and from the most reliable information within our reach, we find the Sunday-schools of the State in a generally prosperous condition.

There has been a steady and, as we think, a healthy growth in the attendance of schools already established, and also a goodly number of new schools organized.

Last year there were reported 107 schools; this year 134 schools.

Last year, 824 officers and teachers; this year 1,036.

Last year, 7,871 pupils; this year, 8,955; giving a gain of 24 schools, 212 officers and teachers, and 1,084 pupils. This we regard as a very satisfactory showing. It is also encouraging to note that nearly all of our churches have Sunday-schools connected with them. There were last year only 7 less schools than churches reported.

Comparing the number of new churches and schools organized during the year just closed, we should now have about the same number of Sunday-schools as churches. This makes the Sunday-school work appear the more encouraging for California, as there are in the United States 16,863 Baptist churches without Sunday-schools—nearly one-half.

Care has also been exercised in the organizing of new schools to see that there was a reasonable degree of certainty that they would be permanent.

Often in the past, Sunday-schools, as well as churches, have been started upon mere sentimentalism with no prospect of their continuance. They have lingered along with a sickly existence for a short time and died out. We regard this as detrimental to the cause of Christ and injurious to our denominational interests, and to be guarded against as far as possible. We find our Sunday-school Missionary exercising care and wisdom in this direction.

There has also been an advance made in the methods of instruction. Teachers are giving more attention to Bible study and how they may best present the great truths and doctrines so as to reach the best results in leading the children to Christ.

This is due largely to the Institutes held by our Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., and his consecrated and talented wife.

The grants of books and Sunday-school supplies made by the American Baptist Publication Society, to our weak and newly started schools, has helped very largely in the prosperity we have noted, and we urge upon the schools to remember this Society, not only in supplying themselves liberally with its excellent publications, but also in observing Children and Bible days, and taking up collections in its behalf.

While profoundly grateful to God for his blessings upon our efforts, we still plead for greater interest on the part of our church membership. It is evident that a majority of our members are not identifying themselves with the Sunday-school.

The membership of our churches and schools is about equal; three-fourths of those in the Sunday-school are not members of the churches, so that only one-fourth of the church membership is in the schools. We believe the church and school should be brought into closer relationship.

We earnestly recommend the Teachers' Meeting. Besides the study of the lesson, let it be a kind of a normal school, where young teachers may be trained so that they may efficiently fill vacancies, and take the place of those who are

falling out of the ranks. We believe no more important work in relation to our Baptist interests on this coast lies before us than this of properly training the youth in the principles of righteousness and leading them by God's help to the Cross. Yours respectfully, S. S. Fisk,

Chairman of Committee.

Remarks were made by Dr. G. S. Abbott, Rev. E. F. Jones of North Carolina, Revs. Ray Palmer, Geo. T. Ellis, H. G. De Witt, D. D., G. E. Jones, H. L. Dietz, W. L. Gaston, A. J. Sturtevant, G. N. Ballentine, W. E. Adams, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, H. T. Hite, A. L. Chau of Fresno.

After which, on motion made and seconded; the report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on the American Baptist Publication Society was presented to the Convention and read by Bro. H. T. Hite, Chairman of the committee.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Brother Moderator, Brothers and Sisters:

This has been a very successful year in the raising of funds for carrying on he work of the American Baptist publication Society.

The total sales in the Book Department amount to $534,529.93, being $873.34 more than last year.

After paying all expenses of the Book Department, the Society has contributed to missionary and Bible work $7,712.43.

The total receipts of the Bible Department, as given in the Treasurer's reports, are $21,336.23, of which $1,890.00 has gone into the American Baptist Missionary Union for Bible Work in Foreign Lands.

The receipts of the Missionary Department are $127,217.33, making the total receipts of all departments of the Society's work for the year ending August 31, 1893, $683,083.49.

The Society during the past year has increased its field of usefulness in the establishment of a branch house in Texas, which has made a very encouraging start.

Arrangements have been made for several new publications the present year, embracing commentaries, high grade story books, Bible hand-books for young people, life sketches of notable Baptists, Baptist histories, new lesson helps, etc., etc.

Since its organization the Society has printed what is equal to 36,000,000 books, averaging 300 pages each.

The marked success which attended the presence of the chapel car "Evangel" on the Pacific Coast, led the Society to have car No. 2 built for the work here, which is now in the field in charge of our Brother E. G. Wheeler and wife, who are now in this city giving out the Gospel Message.

As to the work in California, our esteemed Sunday-school Missionary reports the receipts for 1893 to be in excess of 1892 to the amount of $235.60 in the Benevolent Department, and that the Society has made grants through him to this State in the way of Bibles, Sunday-school literature and Minister's Library, amounting to $418.83.

The total grants of the Society to this State up to the present year has been $4,577.65.

We think this deserves our congratulations, and we would recommend that all our churches and Sunday-schools use the publications of this Society in preference to others (as in our opinion there are none better).

Also that Children's Day and Bible Day be observed for the furtherance of this noble work. Respectfully submitted, H. F. Hite,

Chairman of Committee.

Remarks were made by Dr. G. S. Abbott, Revs. W. E. Adams, G. N. Ballentine, W. T. Jordan, B. F. Hudelson and Prof. L. D. Inskeep;

And on motion made and seconded, the report was adopted.

At this point a special collection was taken up for colporteur work, amounting to $12.75, and by order of the President of the Convention, it was paid to Rev. W. E. Adams by the Secretary.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be sent to the *Examiner* for its generosity in publishing the extended reports of the proceedings of the Convention.

This vote was given with a heartiness that showed genuine appreciation.

From 11:30 to 12 o'clock M. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler had the floor, and held the attention of the Convention very closely, as they gave a history of the chapel car "Emmanuel," and of the good work it had been the means of starting.

After prayer from Rev. R. A. McGuinn, the Convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, June 23, 1893.

A prayer-meeting led by Rev. J. Sunderland occupied the time from 1:30 to 2 o'clock P. M., at which time the President called the Convention to order and opened the business by prayer from Rev. G. W. Smith.

The Committee for the Nomination of Directors presented its report, which was read by the Chairman, Dr. E. H. Gray.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION FOR DIRECTORS.

Your Committee on Nominations for Directors of the Convention to serve for the current year, 1893-94, begs leave to present the following names:

REV. J. Q. A. HENRY,
REV. B. F. HUDELSON,
M. S. FEATHERSTONE,
REV. S. S. FISK,
PROF. L. D. INSKEEP,
W. R. STRONG,
H. E. MCCUNE,
J. F. DURHAM,
REV. A. SJOLANDER,
H. L. GEAR,
J. L. LYON.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

E. H. GRAY,
L. D. INSKEEP,
A. M. RUSSELL,
O. B. KIMBALL,
Committee.

On motion made and carried, the report was received.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the names as nominated, which he did, and the President of the Convention then declared that Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, Rev. B. F. Hudelson, M. S. Featherstone, Rev. S. S. Fisk, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, W. R. Strong, H. E. McCune, J. F. Durham, Rev. A. Sjolander, H. L. Gear and J. L. Lyon were duly elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Convention for the ensuing year of 1893-94.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence rendered its report through the Chairman, Rev. J. H. Reider.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

First—We recommend collections to be taken every first day of the week, morning and evening.

Second—That the churches be uniform in making their contributions to the different societies; the first quarter of the calendar year.

Third—That we recommend the envelope and card system.

G. S. Abbott,
H. E. McCune,
Bunyan Spencer,
G. M. Coulter,
J. H. Reider,
Committee.

At this time, on motion made and seconded, the Report was received and laid on the table for further action and the Committee given further time to prepare a form to facilitate systematic giving, also to give half an hour for the discussion of the Report in the evening.

At this time the Convention adjourned to give way to the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Convention was called to order by the President who took the chair.

The Committee on Foreign Missions rendered its Report which was read by its Chairman, Rev. Bunyan Spencer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Dear Brethren:

A few weeks after the adjournment of the Convention last year, the Special Foreign Mission Board met and organized by electing Rev. Bunyan Spencer, President, and Rev. Frank B. Cressey, Secretary. It was decided that there should be no Treasurer, but that all funds shonld be sent to the District Secretary.

The Missionary Union operating through the Association Secretary, had apportioned the amount to be raised by the several churches, and the Board decided to hold conferences with the greatest possible number of churches in this Convention.

For the sake of furnishing needed information to the churches it was decided to issue a special number of the *Leader*, (now succeded by the *Pacific Baptist*) and to send out seven thousand supplements. This was done. In the meantime, a sub-committee on partial programmes was appointed to prepare and publish a list of places, dates and speakers for the conferences. This list was prepared for the churches of the Central and Pacific Associations; the other churches were too remote from the center of operations, and the expenses of traveling were too great to justify the Board in undertaking the work of holding meetings with them, and the work there was left to the District Secretary, Rev. J. Sunderland.

When the plan of operation was conceived, it was expected that the District Secretary could attend nearly all the meetings; but his widespread duties called him elsewhere. But he was with the Board when the plans were made and at all times his hearty sympathy was constantly manifested.

It was decided to hold the conferences after the closing of the Associations and before the Week of Prayer, which in many churches begins a series of special meetings. Although it seemed very desirable to confer with the pastors of the churches, and with all the speakers, in arranging the several programmes, yet it was found to be practically impossible. It was necessary that all the conferences should be held within a short time, and there was a regular net-work in the general programme. To make one change would often disarrange several programmes. In fact, when changes were made, great confusion resulted. Moreover, it is quite possible that if there had been a waiting for all the churches to agree before the Board's decision was made known, the Board would still be trying to arrange the programme for a year or two to come.

Conferences were held in the following churches:

Oakland—First, Tenth Avenue, Twenty-Third Avenue, Twentieth Street and Beth Eden.

Alameda.

San Francisco—Hamilton Square, Emmanuel and Third.

Stockton—Second.

San Jose—First and Emmanuel.

Napa.

Santa Cruz—First.

Santa Clara—Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Woodland, Healdsburg and Penryn.

The Board undertook to provide two or more speakers from elsewhere for every conference, and in most instances were successful. In many cases the traveling expenses of the visiting brethren were paid from the collection taken at those meetings. The co-operation of the pastors of the several churches was generally very hearty, and the responses of the churches was with gratifying, though with not perfect unanimity. There was a general response to the call for speakers and some of our pastors spoke at many places and with great power. The services of returned missionaries were utilized whenever it was possible and they assisted greatly. The addresses of such men as Upcraft, Eddy, Bennett and Medhurst will be fruit for all time.

Our country's great effort for the Centenary of Missions Fund resulted in the raising of $1,010,000.00. Of this amount there came from the territory of the Convention $4,390.41, as follows:

Central Association	$3,343.89
Clear Lake Association	117.65
Eastern Association	13.97
Pacific Association	575.46
Sacramento River Association	160.14
Tulare Association	179.32

California gave to the Missionary Union $8,848.79, a gain over last year of 169 per cent; to the Woman's Society $3,855.74; total for Missions from California for the year $12,704.53. Yet California has 47 churches which did nothing for this great work.

The work of the District Secretary, Rev. J. Sunderland, and of the Associational Secretaries, has been energetically executed and we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

But what is needed for the year to come?

A Board composed of aggressive men, who have Foreign Mission convictions, and who can and will attend its meetings; an early organization; the holding of conferences in every church; more attention paid to enlisting our young people; prayers for missionaries from our own fields; urgency to prompt action all along the line.

Let the motto be "Backward never—forward ever." Let one word of three letters ring in the ears and throb in the heart of every Baptist in California—NOW.

BUYNAN SPENCER,
J. R. REIDER,
H. G. DEWITT,
W. T. JORDAN,
Board.

BUNYAN SPENCER, President.

J. H. REIDER, Secretary.

Items taken from Rev. J. Sunderland's Report on the American Baptist Missionary Union:

"California gave to the Union, $8,848.79, a gain of $5,555.65, or 169 per cent, viz: From Churches, $6,878.75; Sunday-schools, $452.63; Young People's

Societies, $392.91; Individuals, $1,012.00; Women's Circles, $12.50. To the Women's Society, $3,855.74. Total, $12,704.53."

On motion made and seconded, the Report was adopted as read.

On motion made, seconded and carried, a set of Resolutions read by Rev. Bunyan Spencer regarding Dr. J. B. Hartwell and his work among us, and presented to the Convention, were received, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of them to Dr. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

RESOLUTIONS

CONCERNING REV. J. B. HARTWELL, D. D.

In view of the fact that our brother, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., who has been for fourteen years Superintendent of Chinese Missions on this Coast, is about to leave us to renew his work among the Chinese in their own country, be it

Resolved, First—That we express our profound appreciation of his faithful and efficient services as Superintendent of Missions in a peculiarly trying field.

Second—That we declare our gratitude to him for his patient, painstaking and extraordinarily efficient services as Secretary of this Convention, of the Baptist Chinese Mission Society and of other Baptist organizations.

Third—That we manifest our admiration of his upright personal character, his loyalty to conviction of duty and his unwavering defense of truth and justice.

Fourth—That while we sincerely and keenly regret the loss of our beloved brother from the work in our own lands and from his place among us, we rejoice in his devotion to the mission work abroad.

Fifth—That we pray Almighty God to bless him, his wife and his children and all those who have come, and may come, into light and liberty through his messages of mercy from God, the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

BUNYAN SPENCER,
S. BENJ. HARVEY,
RAY PALMER.

Rev. J. H. Reider tendered his resignation as Statistical Secretary of the Convention, the reason for doing so being that his time and energies were all taken up by his own work, and on motion made, seconded and carried, his resignation was accepted.

Rev. J. H. Reider then nominated in his place and stead, O. C. Pope to act as Statistical Secretary, and on motion made, seconded and carried, O. C. Pope was elected as Statistical Secretary of the Convention.

After prayer by Rev. Bunyan Spencer, the Convention adjourned until the evening.

FRIDAY EVENING, June 23, 1893.

The evening session opened at 7:30 with a prayer meeting led by Rev. W. W. Smith, of Virginia, and many took part; at times there were three or more brethren on their feet at a time to take part.

At eight o'clock the President called the Convention to order.

The Report on Systematic Giving was taken up from the table for action, and the Chairman, Rev. J. H. Reider, spoke very fully on the matter as set forth in the Report and also read a card to be used by the churches, so as to keep the plan or system before the membership of the churches.

This card was presented and is as follows:

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.....Baptist Church.....

I..... .....agree to pay the.....of the Church per week (or month, or quarter) for

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Home Missions.....		
Foreign Missions.....		
Publication Society.....		
Baptist Educational Society.....		
City Missions.....		
Other Benevolences.....		

COLLECTOR

For Current Expenses.....
" Home Missions.....
" Foreign Missions.....
" Publication Society.....
" Baptist Educational Society.....
" City Missions.....
" Other Benevolences.....

And recommend to have two cards printed like it, one to be kept by the Collector, the other card to be kept by the member of the church.

And after remarks from Revs. G. S. Abbott, J. Sunderland, W. T. Jordan and others, it was on motion made, seconded and carried, the Report was received.

The Report on the American Baptist Home Mission Society was presented and read by Rev. E. T. Whittemore.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

With unfeigned joy and gratitude, we consider the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. During its history of sixty-one years our denomination has increased in membership about two-fold, the increase being more than twice the rate of growth of the population of our country during the same time. When this society was organized in 1832, we had not an organized Baptist Church this side of the Mississippi river, excepting a few in Missouri; now, according to the last Year Book, we have 11,013, with a membership of 675,431. This growth has been secured largely through the agency of our Home Mission Society. And, notwithstanding the many obstacles with which we have had to contend against, we may well be encouraged because of what has been accomplished on this Coast within a comparatively few years. In the three Coast States (Washington, Oregon and California) we have now about 2,500 Baptists, over one half of which are in our own State.

During the last year the Society has supported, wholly or in part, 1,082 missionaries, nearly three-fourths of whom have labored in the Western States and territories. Nearly one-half the total number employed have worked among Americans, nearly one-fourth among the foreign population, and the remainder (somewhat over one-fourth) among the colored people, Indians, and Mexicans.

The Church Edifice Fund Department of the Society aided in the erection of 110 houses of worship, ten of which are in this State.

The Society maintains 34 schools for the colored people, Indians and Mexicans; also for the Chinese, 17 schools, ten of which are in California.

In the sixty-first Annual Report of the Society, presented at Denver occur these statements:

"The number of laborers has been larger than in any previous year of the Society's history. Several new schools have been taken up; the Church Edifice work has been exceeded but twice. The total receipts of the year including conditional and permanent trust funds, (not including Church Edifice loans repaid) have been $473,842.35. In view of the special centenary effort for a million dollars for Foreign Missions, it is gratifying to report that the contributions from churches and individuals show no falling off, in general, as compared with the previous year. For the seventh year in succession the Society reports no debt."

We would express our appreciation of the efficient services rendered by Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D., during his long term of office as Corresponding Secretary, and at the same time we would express hope for still greater things in the future, because of the fact that he is to continue to serve the Society in another direction, while so able a man as Dr. T. J. Morgan takes the office which Dr. Morehouse so long held.

S. P. Davis,
Chairman of Committee.

And on motion made and seconded, after remarks from Revs. A. F. Ayres, H. L. Dietz, W. H. Latourette, and others, the Report was received.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted its Report to the Convention through its Chairman, Rev. I D. Wood.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved,* That we extend our thanks to the railroad for granting reduced rates.

2nd. *Resolved,* That while we regret that it has been necessary to remove our denominational paper to Portland, we yet feel it more important now, that the *Pacific Baptist* shall receive our most earnest prayers and hearty support, we believe that every Baptist in this State should subcribe and pay for our denominational paper on this Coast.

3rd. *Resolved,* Realizing that the efficiency of a Convention, as well as of a Church, is dependent on its spirituality, we would suggest that in the prepared programme for next year, more emphasis be laid on the devotional meetings, and the leaders selected beforehand.

4th. *Resolved,* That time for each speaker, for each part of the programme shall be printed on the programme and leave sufficient time for discussions and remarks.

5th. *Resolved,* That we authorize and request the Executive Committee of our Board of Directors to appoint all Committees upon the work of our National Societies and the work of Christian Education in our State, as early as possible after the close of the Convention, and that the Executive Committee confer with the heads of these different societies before appointing these Committees.

6th. *Resolved,* That we express our thanks to God, and our appreciation to the American Baptist Publication Society for the new Chapel Car to be used on the Pacific Coast. We would commend the earnest and effective services of Rev. E. G. Wheeler and his wife, in securing the funds and in conducting the missionary work connected with the Chapel Car services, and thanking the railroad for its aid in transporting the said car over its lines.

7th. *Resolved,* That we earnestly sympathize with our colored brethren in their efforts to build up the cause of Christ among their people, and that we aid and encourage them with our prayers and substance.

8th. *Resolved:* That we commend a rigid church discipline, taking cognizance of wine drinking and wine producing.

9th. *Resolved*, That pastors and people be and are hereby urged to accept the invitations to visit the classes and the public exercises of California College and Academy, and by personally frequenting the grounds, to contribute that cordial interest which is so immeasurable and so invaluable.

10th. *Resolved*, That we thank the Twin Lakes Resort Association for the use of their house and grounds for holding this Convention.

And on motion made and seconded the report was received, after remarks from Revs. W. T. Jordan, H. G. De Witt, G. S. Abbott, D. D., and R. A. McGuinn.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report was laid on the table for further remarks until the next morning.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the President of the Convention was authorized to fill all vacancies in the committees that he may appoint.

After prayer from Dr. J. B. Hartwell, the Convention adjourned until the next day, Saturday.

SATURDAY, June 24, 1893.

From 9 to 9:30 o'clock A. M. a prayer-meeting led by Rev. E. F. Jones of North Carolina was held.

At 9:30 A. M. the President called the Convention to order, and it was opened by prayer from Rev. H. L. Dietz.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented to the Convention by Rev. W. H. Latourette, the Treasurer, C. F. Baker, not being able to be present, and on motion made and seconded it was received.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the offer of the American Baptist Publication Society to place an advertisement in our printed Minutes was accepted.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Secretary was authorized to secure advertisements so as to defray the expense of printing the Minutes.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

These are in addition to those previously adopted Friday afternoon.

11th. *Resolved*, That we denounce Lynch Law, whether in the North or in the South, and protest against all lawlessness and the exhibition of race prejudice. We would urge our people to pray that all lawlessness and injustice be brought to an end in our land.

12th. *Resolved*, That in view of the fact of a very large per cent of our population being German, and Baptist religions destitution being very appalling,

Resolved, That Rev. H. L. Dietz, in his efforts to build a house of worship in San Francisco for the German Baptists, and in his labors of mercy, we commend him to the prayerful thoughts and practical consideration of all our brethren.

13th. *Resolved* That we recommend to all of our Baptist churches to exercise increasing vigilance in perverting practices that are irregular or unscriptural from obtaining a foothold among them, and to maintain the church of the Living God in scriptural integrity as the pillar and ground of the truth.

14th. *Resolved*, That we tender to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York our sincere and deepest expressions of gratitude for its large and generous financial aid, amounting to nearly $15,000, given the past year to the German, Chinese and the regular work within the bounds of this Convention.

The Committee on Obituaries presented its report to the Convention by Bro. W. R. Strong, one of its members.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries begs leave to submit the following report of deaths in our churches during the year that is just ended:

Calvary Baptist Church, Sacramento.—Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Charles Mayon, Mrs. Sarah Williams, Miss E. Cormack and Deacon R. W. Withington, who deserves special mention, he having been a man of very strong Christian character and great usefulness, for many years one of the pillars of the church.

Woodland.—Mrs. Boulander, a Baptist for forty years.

Selma.—Eliza Blair, J. W. Pyatt and Sister Shafer, who was a very highly esteemed and useful member, and leaves a place that is hard to fill.

Tulare Association.—Goodhope Church, Ellen Cooke; Madera, Jerome Gabrett; Delano, Bro. Brawley; Bakersfield, Homer Worcester; Tulare, Elder S. S. Pilsbury; Hanford, Elder P. Ogle, one of the pioneers of the association, and was also Moderator for many years.

Twenty-third Avenue, East Oakland.—Mrs. Sarah Parkhurst. She was the widow of Rev. M. Parkhurst, who died in Oakland several years ago. Sister Parkhurst was a faithful worker, an earnest Sanday-school teacher and President of the Mission Circle, and was greatly beloved for her work's sake. She died in October 1892.

First Church, Stockton.—Mrs. Sprague, wife of Deacon Sprague, who died several years ago. Sister Sprague was a woman of unusual intelligence and nobility of Christian character. After years of patient suffering she passed to her rest.

Rev. H. H. Parks died at Willows, Glen County, December 28, 1892. This aged brother was born in New York, came to Illinois in early life and was a pioneer preacher there, and came to California in 1876, and was employed in much pioneer mission and pastoral work in the northern portions of this State, and was missionary at large till compelled by advanced age to cease his labors four years ago. He preached his last sermon on his 76th birthday, in 1891, having been a minister of the gospel for half a century.

The following brethren have also been called to rest from their labors from the Sanger Baptist Church: C. H. Edwards, J. D. Hudspeth, M. D.

This is perhaps but a partial list of those who have left the church militant for the church triumphant, but though in our records their names are not all recorded, we rejoice that they will be found in the "Lamb's Book of Life." "They all rest from their labors and their works do follow them." May their mantle of consecration fall on us, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be sufficient for all hearts made sorrowful by the departure of loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY PALMER,
W. R. STRONG,
J. F. TODD.

On motion made and seconded the above report was received.

On motion made and seconded: That a copy of the card submitted to the Convention by the Committee on Systematic Giving be sent to all the churches. Carried.

On motion made and seconded the following was carried: That the Executive Committee be empowered to transact all business that has been left out or omitted during the session of the Convention.

On motion made and seconded the following was carried: That the printing of the minutes be left to the Secretary of the Convention, also the procuring of the advertisements to provide the necessary funds to defray the said costs.

After prayer from Rev. W. T. Jordan, the Convention adjourned to meet a year hence at Highland Park, East Oakland.

J. L. LYON, President.

O. C. POPE, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1892-93.

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, OAKLAND, CAL., JUNE 20, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Church.	Missionary Fund.	Edifice Fund.
Alameda	$ 103 00	.....
" Sunday School	7 07	$ 14 00
Anderson	6 00	.....
Auburn	4 15	.....
Berkeley	25 00	.....
Central Association	2 96	.....
Caruthers	*74 05	.....
Ceres	46 30	.....
" Sunday School	8 00	.....
Chico Sunday School	.....	3 50
Dixon	69 70	.....
Eureka	20 00	5 00
Exeter	7 00	.....
Fresno	12 00	.....
" Emmanual	*182 35	.....
" First	15 04	.....
Gonzales	21 50	.....
" Sunday School	.....	5 00
Glen Ellen	3 00	.....
Hanford	22 00	.....
Lakeport	1 75	2 25
Los Gatos	10 60	.....
" Sunday School	6 60	.....
Malaga	24 00	.....
Montpelier	30	.....
Mt. View	2 00	.....
" Sunday School	2 20	.....
Millville Station	1 65	.....
Madera	18 00	.....
" Sunday School	5 00	.....
Middletown	.....	1 75
Napa	6 00	.....
Oakland, First	186 00	.....
" Twenty-third Avenue	51 60	.....
" Beth Eden	20 00	.....
" Golden Gate	10 75	.....
" Dano-Norwegian	10 00	.....
" Swedish	.....	2 00
" Twentieth Street	3 00	.....
Pinole	2 15	.....
Penryn	17 50	2 00
" Sunday School	.....	2 00
Porterville	5 35	.....
San Francisco, First, Sunday School	14 10	17 90
" " Hamilton Square	5 00	.....
" " Third	2 50	.....
" " " Sunday School	6 00	.....
" " First, Bethesda Mission	3 00	.....
" " Swedish	26 10	.....

* Of this $182.35, $137.35 was for services by District Missionary I. D. Wood, and was repaid to the Treasurer. Of this $74.05, $61.05 was repaid to the Treasurer for the same reason.

Church.	Missionary Fund.	Edifice Fund.
Sanger	2 05	
Santa Rosa	27 75	
Shiloh	2 35	
St. Helena, Ivy Leaf Band	10 00	
Santa Cruz, Second	2 00	
Santa Clara	5 25	
Selma	11 00	
San Jose, Emmanual	11 50	
" First, Sunday School	12 00	
Sacramento, Emmanual	32 20	
" Calvary Sunday School		11 10
San Lucas	75	
Tulare	22 70	
" Sunday School	5 00	
Temple Grove	1 00	
Ukiah	12 35	
Vacaville	5 00	
Vallejo	1 50	
Willows	1 50	17 80
Woodland	50 00	
Wheatland	6 00	
Collections at General Baptist Convention	9 20	
Collections at Tulare Association	13 35	31 60
Individuals—A. B. Forbes	100 00	
Richard Bayne	10 00	
D. H. Hopkins		5 00
Hon. John Reynolds	25 00	
Robert Elder	5 00	
Wm. Blackman	5 00	
A. E. Giss	5 00	
H. G. Haynes	10 00	
E. H. Lenox	5 00	
A friend	1 00	
Womans' Baptist Home Mission Society of California	644 43	435 04
Account of Minutes Historical Society	1 75	
" " American Baptist Society	6 75	
" " California College	5 20	
" " Foreign Missions Society	1 75	
" " Theological Union	15 15	
Account of Womans' Baptist Home Mission Society	40 00	
" Baptist Young People	13 40	
Interest on Edifice Fund in Bank		43 40
Swedish Missionary Society	329 00	
Total	$2,538 15	$599 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Balance Forward	$ 223 25	
Receipts per list herewith	3,137 49	
C. S. Mason		$100 00
Aug. Olsen		7 25
W. H. Latourette		2 00
J. H. Storms		16 00
W. R. Connelly		16 30
H. A. Fiske, Statistical Secretary		17 20
C. S. Mason		59 50

Remitted to New York	.....	100 00
Expense Cash Book, etc	.....	1 60
Minutes	.....	209 00
I. D. Wood	.....	75 20
C. S. Mason	.....	294 40
Knut Nelson	.....	10 00
Z. C. Rush	.....	23 00
W. H. Latourette	.....	44 50
"	.....	8 10
C. S. Mason	.....	100 00
E. H. Hayden	.....	50 00
Printing	.....	3 25
E. H. Hayden	.....	25 00
W. H. Latourette	.....	34 00
I. D. Wood	.....	83 44
N. Hayland	.....	29 00
I. D. Wood	.....	174 05
W. H. Latourette	.....	19 57
"	.....	50 00
G. W. Donnell	.....	1 65
J. C Johnson	.....	100 00
W. H. Latourette	.....	42 15
"	.....	172 00
J. M. French	.....	12 35
W. H. Latourette	.....	5 60
"	.....	20 00
"	.....	85 40
See letters of J. H. Snelling, Treasurer: W. H. Latourette	.....	6 55
See letters of J. H. Snelling, Treasurer: Aug. Olsen	.....	38 90
See letters of J. H. Snelling, Treasurer: W. H. Latourette	.....	.....
Deposits in Oakland Bank of Savings to Credit of Edifice Fund	.....	313 40
Balance	.....	1,010 38
Total	$3,360 74	$3,360 74

RECAPITULATIONS.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance, June 20, 1892	$ 192 74	.....
Receipts for year	2,538 15	.....
Disbursements	.....	$2,033 71
Balance, June 20, 1893	.....	697 18
Total	$2,730 89	$2,730 89

EDIFICE FUND.

Balance, June 20, 1892	$ 30 51	.....
Receipts for year	599 34	.....
Deposited in Oakland Bank of Savings	.....	$313 40
Printing Chapel Car Slips	.....	3 25
Balance	.....	313 20
	$629 85	$629 85

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. BAKER, Treasurer.

Examined and approved as correct.

C. T. BIDWELL, Auditor.

(e. o. e.) San Francisco, Cal., June 20, 1893.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
General Baptist Convention of California	J. L. Lyon,	O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine St., San Francisco.	C. F. Baker, 322 Pine St., San Francisco.
Central Baptist Association.	Rev. Frank B. Cressey, 129 Bartlett St., S. F.	Rev. C. H. Hobart, 763 Twelfth St., Oakland.	E. F. Joy, 33 Haight St., San Francisco.
Clear Lake Baptist Association.	Rev. J. S. Ross, Caspar, Cal.	Rev. C. L. Fisher, Fort Bragg, Cal.	R. T. White, Upper Lake, Cal.
Eastern Baptist Association	Rev. L. E. Henderson, Lakeview, Oregon.	Rev. J. B. Griffith, Olene, Oregon.	D. H. Hartzog.
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Napa, Cal.	Rev. W. T. Jordan, Dixon, Cal.	Robt. Crane, Santa Rose, Cal.
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev. C. S. Taylor, Maxwell, Cal.	Rev. A. M. Russell, Willows, Cal.	A. E. Duncan, Willows, Cal.
Tulare Baptist Association.	Rev. J. H. Storms, Tulare, Cal.	J. J. Owens, Tulare, Cal.	W. G. Pennebaker, Visalia, Cal.
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Soc'y	Mrs. J. Sunderland, 1457 Myrtle St., Oakland.	Miss Mary E. Bamford, 621 15th St., E. Oakland.	Mrs. J. G. Resseguie, 1267 11th Av., E. Oakland.
Baptist Educational Society of California.	Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Highland Park, E. Oakland.	Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Napa.	Rev. C. H. Hobart, 763 Twelfth St., Oakland.
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society.	Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley St., San Francisco.	Mrs. Wm. Spencer, 1521 Encinal Av., Alumeda, Cal.	Mrs. E. F. Joy, 23 Haight St., San Francisco.
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society.	Rev. S. B. Morse, D.D., Highland Park, E. Oakland.	Frank H. Chadwick, Highland Park, E. Oakland.	H. Garthwaite, Fairmount Av., Oakland.
Baptist Historical Society of California.	Rev. E. B. Hatch, Salinas, Cal		
Pacific Baptist Theological Union.	H. L. Gear, 211 Sansome St., San Francisco.	Rev. C. H. Hobart, 763 Twelfth St., Oakland.	C. F. Baker, 322 Pine St., San Francisco.
Baptist Young Peoples' State Union of Cal.	Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Highland Park, E. Oakland	Miss M. Torson, 2617 Buena Vista Av. Alameda.	C. L. Maloon, East Oakland.

REPORT OF STATIS—

* Items taken from the minutes of the Association of October, 1892.
† Items taken from the statistical report of 1892.

CENTRAL—

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	Organized.	MEMBERSH'P Gain.	Loss.	Present.	Value of Property.
Alameda	Wm. C. Spencer	Miss M. Torson	1877	35	13	132	$5,000 00
Auburn	S. A. Taft	Mrs. J. T. Straight	1892	8	....	23	.....
*Berkeley	E. T. Whittemore	.....	1889	.....	....	80	7,500 00
*Ceres	S. K. Dexter	Mrs. A. E. Ulch	1879	19	6	61	6,000 00
*Cholame	.....	Miss G. S. Gould	1881	9	3	18	.....
Gonzales	J. M. Helsley	Thos. F. Faw	1884	2	2	41	5,000 00
Los Gatos	S. B. Randall	Minette Waterman	1884	24	7	128	6,000 00
*Mt. Olivet	W. A. Mitchell	G. W. Wilson	1856	3	....	21	2,500 00
Mountain View	E. H. Hayden	Mrs. E. H. Hayden	1889	5	7	21	3,450 00
*Nevada City	.....	Nettie Hackley	1859	.....	....	9	1,000 00
Oakland, First	C. H. Hobart	H. Garthwaite	1854	113	42	569	30,000 00
" 10th Avenue	.....	O. M. Vesper	1860	72	17	265	25,000 00
* " 20th Street	.....	L. E. Eshleman	1879	25	69	80	7,000 00
" 23d Avenue	Robt. Whitaker	W. G. Greenlund	1889	19	24	138	1,500 00
" Golden Gate	B. F. Hurdleson	C. Haven	1891	43	5	85	5,000 00
" Beth Eden	R. A. McGuinn	Mrs. R. A. McGuinn	1890	25	16	47	2,800 00
" Danо-Norwegian	N. Tychsen	C. Neilson	1891	15	12	27	.....
" Swedish	A. Sjolander	Miss L. J. Hagstrom	1885	34	24	120	7,300 00
*Penryn	Wm. H. Randall	Mrs. E. Hall	1879	....	3	46	1,900 00
Paicines	G. E. Jones	Ellen Watson	1891	9	11	119	300 00
Pan che	G. E. Jones	Phœbe L. Brogan	1892	3	2	11	.....
Reno	W. B. Pope	W. A. Phillips	1874	22	4	72	6,000 00
Sacramento, Calvary	J. H. Reider	W. T. Renfro	1871	59	13	327	8,500 00
Salinas	E. B. Hatch	W. M. Pease	1874	3	....	43	2,500 00
San Francisco, First	J. Q. A. Henry	A. H. Flynn	1849	109	146	644	70,000 00
" Emanuel	.....	E. Worth	1869	39	24	150	30,000 00
* " Ham. Square	.....	.....	1881	37	14	163	7,000 00
" Third	Geo. E. Duncan	Geo. E. Duncan Jr.	1854	22	9	126	15,000 00
" Chinese	.....	Chun Sit Leung	1880	7	2	53	20.000 00
" German	H. L. Dietz	Carl Goeller	1887	9	2	60	.....
" Swedish	.....	W. O. Peterson	1889	16	22	75	.....
San Jose, First	.....	Miss I. H. Carpenter	1850	55	37	272	30,000 00
" Emanuel	John Barr	Z. L. Orcutt	1885	29	5	91	3,000 00
Santa Clara	C. J. Thompson	W. J. Burrill	1851	1	2	98	3,500 00
Santa Cruz, First	F. S. Lawrence	F. R. Howe	1867	19	6	140	†7,000 00
" Second	.....	D. J. Brook	1888	....	....	25	†2,500 00
*San Lucas	J. M. Helsley	S. E. Morse	1888	....	....	14	† 500 00
San Pablo	.....	A. E. Putson	1890	11	2	25	1,500 00
Sonora	.....	W. H. Rablin	1857	....	3	30	1,200 00
Stockton, First	Ray Palmer	W. Davis	1853	52	14	280	24,000 00
* " Second	.....	J. Hutton	1855	9	7	30	1,800 00
Temple Grove	W. V. Gray	W. S. Mansfield	1891	....	2	15	1,000 00
Wheatland	.....	B. F. Dam	1876	10	8	86	3,000 00
		Total		972	585	4,793	$35,250 00

Items in Home Mission column are made up of City, State and Home Missions.
Items in Edifice Fund column are made up of church building at home and church build—

CLEAR LAKE—

*Calistoga	.....	M. E. Bennett	....	9	8	34	.....
*Caspar	J. S. Ross	F. Kelley	1880	22	4	59	†1,500 00
*Fort Briggs	E. L. Fisher	M. H. Henry	1889	20	4	100	†3,000 00
*Enreka	E. D. Sandford	Mrs. F. Clark	....	4	4	68	†4,500 00
*Kibesillah	.....	M. A. Dickerson	.....	....	4	8	.....
*Lakeport, Second	S. L. Sandford	J. M. England	....	12	4	55	†2,525 00
*Potter Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	†1,800 00
*Ukiah	.....	M. Howard	....	52	2	163	†7,000 00
*Upper Lake	D. T. Taylor	R. T. White	....	....	1	39	.....
*Westport	J. S. Ross	W. H. Pennington	....	....	1	32	.....
*Willits	S. L. Sandford	C. L. Butler	....	52	3	76	.....
		Total	....	171	35	634	$20,325 00

No statistical letter received from any of the churches of this Association this year by—

—TICAL SECRETARY.

—ASSOCIATION.

Indebtedness.	Seating Capacity.	Church Expense.	Benevolences.							Total.
			Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Publication Society.	Edifice Fund.	Higher Education.	Other Benevolences.	Total	
.....	180	$1,628 00	$250 00	.....	$ 88 50	$416 24	$ 8 60	$ 327 15	$1,090 49	$2,718 49
.....	.....	155 00	3 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 10	158 10
$3,500 00	250	1,921 00	14 00	33 65	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00	.....	.....
.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	4 00
200 00	250	555 00	43 00	35 00	25 00	5 00	.....	49 00	157 00	712 00
.....	400	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00
450 00	200	435 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	435 00
300 00	.....	433 32	17 50	14 10	1 75	237 50	.....	.....	270 85	704 17
100 00	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	600	4,573 99	842 04	430 00	66 54	.....	70 11	.....	1,408 58	5,982 57
3,400 00	750	4,000 00	117 85	206 25	75 00	.....	.....	125 00	524 10	4,524 10
2,400 00	300	1,400 00	21 95	6 50	.....	.....	.....	25 50	53 95	1,453 95
1,800 00	250	1,100 55	75 00	9 85	.....	.....	17 70	78 50	181 45	1,282 00
1,950 00	325	990 00	14 85	.....	.....	2,615 30	.....	5 00	2,635 15	3,625 15
2,000 00	125	300 00	62 00	21 75	.....	300 00	.....	27 00	420 75	710 75
.....	.....	416 50	18 55	12 50	.....	10 00	.....	20 00	61 05	477 55
1,400 00	350	1,013 00	132 00	.....	365 25	1,040 15	.....	56 20	2,093 60	3,106 60
500 00	.....	400 00	12 10	20 69	3 11	.....	2 00	.....	37 90	437 90
.....	150	310 00	5 00	3 50	6 00	200 00	.....	24 00	238 50	548 50
.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
600 00	450	1,400 00	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	244 00	218 00	1,618 00
.....	400	2,189 10	335 00	60 00	.....	639 50	.....	26 00	1,059 50	3,248 60
.....	200	650 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	650 00
10,500 00	600	5,000 00	189 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	652 05	841 40	5,841 40
12,000 00	480	2,600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,600 00
2,300 00	.....	2,000 00	4 55	10 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00	36 55	2,036 55
800 30	500	1,426 35	65 00	10 60	.....	.....	.....	66 15	141 75	1,568 10
.....	275	362 00	176 90	15 00	40 50	.....	9 60	354 55	596 55	958 55
.....	.....	613 00	20 00	36 00	.....	140 00	.....	40 30	236 00	849 00
.....	75	851 05	8 00	.....	.....	115 00	.....	120 00	243 00	1,094 05
1,500 00	600	4,271 65	276 50	23 50	.....	.....	.....	19 00	319 00	4,590 65
.....	300	.....	31 60	37 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 30	69 30
.....	.....	872 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	872 00
.....	† 250	†1,200 00	238 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	368 00	1,568 00
50 00	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25 00	200	600 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	608 00
.....	200	352 00	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 00	383 00
.....	350	1,800 00	130 60	26 00	.....	.....	.....	140 40	297 00	2,097 00
60 00	200	88 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 30	124 30	212 30
.....	100	241 50	14 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 95	108 45	349 95
600 00	190	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	104 30	104 30	104 30
$46,435 30	10,350	$47,248 01	$3,190 34	$1,047 59	$671 65	$5,718 69	$112 90	$4,179 05	$15,020 22	$62,268 23

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.....	.....	$60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$60 00
.....	.....	215 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	215 75
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$50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 00	.....	.....	.....	85 00	885 00
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.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	168 00	.....	.....	.....	168 00	198 00
$50 00	.....	$2,814 25	.....	.....	$363 00	.....	.....	.....	$363 00	$2,877 25

—the Statistical Secretary, although he sent the letters out.

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† Items taken from the statistical report of 1892.

SACRAMENTO RIVER—

Church.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Organized.	Membersh'p Gain.	Loss.	Present.	Value of Property.
Arbuckle	J. Chilson	M. Saxon	1879	16	....	36	.....
Anderson	G. W. Donnell	F. M. Reid	1890	4	2	14	$ 500 00
Biggs	D. T. Roddan	Mrs. L. Ruedin	1872	1	1	38	3,000 00
*Chico	J. G. Gibson	Wm. Bullard	1880	11	37	95	3,000 00
†Cohassett	A. Sweaney	Geo. N. Harvey	....	2	1	10	.....
Maxwell	F. M. Baker	H. J. Cook	1880	7	17	74	2,000 00
Meridian	Wm. Thompson	Wm. Bliss	1865	3	2	33	1,000 00
*Mt. Hope	J. Chilson	C. A. Jameson	....	14	3	27	.....
*Orland	F. M. Baker	L. M. Ryan	1872	11	1	86	2,000 00
*Red Bluff	—— Hayden	J. A. Owens	....	27	3	104	2,600 00
Redding	G. W. Donnell	Mrs. J. G. Yeakey	1887	41	2	66	3,000 00
*Willows	A. M. Russell	F. C. Jenks	1871	27	....	31	5,000 00
Linne	A. Westerberg	E. O. Malmberg	1888	12	1	44	.....
Oak Valley, Swedish	N. Hayland	H. Hayland	1892	10	...	21	.....
		Total	....	186	70	716	$22,100 00

TULARE—

*Bethany	J. N. Lacy	W. E. Waddle	1882	8	1	25	.....
Exeter	J. M. French	Mrs. E. S. Balaam	1891	15	1	27	$1,800 00
*Fresno, First	H. G. De Witt	A. W. Beck	1882	91	25	286	.....
*Good Hope	.....	J. M. Little	....	8	2	25	.....
Lemoore	Eli Rees	G. B. Richards	1886	20	2	48	1,600 00
*Malaga	T. R. Bowles	Mrs. H. Haycraft	....	11	2	40	.....
†Modesto, Second	.....	A. Minnear	....	....	....	....	3,000 00
*Madera	Z. C. Rush	W. A. Robertson	....	40	2	77	.....
Reedley	J. N. Lacy	J. G. Wright	1891	18	2	50	2,600 00
*Selma	T. R. Bowles	J. H. Watson	1885	24	7	63	.....
Sanger	J. N. Lacy	J. T. Watson	1890	10	4	40	1,800 00
Tulare	.....	Mrs. L. M. Kellog	1867	5	31	47	4,000 00
Visalia	J. M. French	Mrs. Anderson	....	9	....	20	.....
Merced	W. R. Connelly	Miss Litchfield	1887	3	....	10	2,400 00
*Bakersfield, First	J. C. Jordan	C. E. Wright	....	12	4	32	.....
* " Second	M. Stephens	B. J. Ring	....	....	....	....	.....
†Camthers	J. D. Wood	E. J. Voorhes	....	....	....	8	.....
*Delano	J. C. Jordan	G. Hunsaker	....	15	1	33	2,350 00
*Hanford	I. D. Wood	T. A. Dodge	1892	....	...	25	.....
*Porterville	J. M. French	M. L. McAllister	...	7	....	17	.....
		Total	....	296	84	873	$19,550 00

PACIFIC—

Dixon	W. T. Jordan	T. B. Burns	1856	3	19	145	$8,600 00
*Healdsburg	.....	Miss E. M. Willis	....	49	1	....	.....
*Lakeport	C. W. Haycock	O. E. Meddaugh	....	2	6	32	.....
Middletown	C. W. Haycock	N. B. Dearboin	1890	15	4	46	1,000 00
Napa	A. J. Sturtevant	J. N. Reynolds	1853	7	15	108	6,000 00
*Petaluma	John Dunne	Adelaide Stevens	....	4	2	32	.....
*Sacramento, First	A. C. Herrick	D. J. Davis	....	30	9	156	16,000 00
" Emanuel	S. P. Davis	John Kidder	1889	31	6	66	3,500 00
Santa Rosa	S. S. Fisk	E. J. Williams	1857	9	18	168	5,000 00
St. Helena	M. G. Bradley	W. J. G. Dawson	1854	12	11	62	1,500 00
*Vacaville	S. L. Keitch	E. Pinkham	....	14	2	43	1,500 00
Vallejo	W. L. Gaston	Mrs. S. J. Farrington	1869	29	2	89	5,000 00
*Winters	.....	Mrs. S. J. Kinsey	1866	13	6	60	3,200 00
Woodland	J. G. Pulliam	C. T. Bidwell	1874	25	5	108	8,000 00
		Total	....	243	106	1,115	$57,300 00

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Indebtedness.	Seating Capacity.	Church Expenses.	Benevolences.							Total.
			Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Publication Society.	Edifice Fund.	Higher Education.	Other Benevolences.		
	100									
$50 00	100	$285 00	$3 00	$1 75		$250 00			$254 75	$539 75
		42 50	2 00						2 00	44 50
			10 00	31 60					42 00	42 00
	250	500 00								500 00
20 00	25									
		683 00	2 50						2 50	685 50
	300	312 00	7 50	1 50					9 00	321 00
		1,498 00	63 26	19 45					82 71	232 52
		625 00	18 00						18 00	643 00
	50	114 00								114 00
$70 00	825	$4,659 50	$106 66	54 30		$250 00			$410 96	$3,122 27

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$200 00										
	150	$201 50		$10 00					$10 00	$211 50
			$50 00	250 00				$5 75	305 75	305 75
	150		20 00	3 00					23 00	23 00
			4 35	24 00				27 90	56 25	56 25
150 00	300									
			8 00	18 00	$5 00				31 00	31 00
250 00	175	475 00								475 00
			18 45	15 75	1 00			123 00	158 20	158 20
200 00	250	270 50	1 50	2 10	2 60	$56 00			62 20	341 70
1,500 00	200	476 96	16 75	10 45	9 60	7 56	$6 75	36 50	87 61	564 57
50 00	290	106 00	13 00	2 00	1 00	2,000 00			2,016 00	2,122 00
				5 00					5 00	5 00
121 00										
$2,471 00	1,515	$1,538 96	$132 05	$340 30	$19 20	$2,063 56	$6 75	$193 15	$2,755 01	$4,293 97

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	350	$1,625 90	$178 20	$123 35	$292 75		$347 55	$150 00	$1,091 85	$2,717 75
		674 30			7 25				7 25	681 55
		140 00	3 50	1 80	6 95	$150 00			162 25	302 25
	300	1,000 00	41 25	5 00					46 25	1,046 25
		601 05			6 00				6 00	607 05
		1,982 24	54 65	24 75					79 40	2,061 64
$850 00	200	1,100 00	55 30	74 20					129 50	1,229 50
	250	1,260 00	71 05	89 75				32 25	193 05	1,453 05
	160	403 90	80 35	25 00				10 00	115 35	519 25
		65 50	15 00	3 00	3 00			21 00	42 00	107 50
	300	1,426 58	75 00	24 00	12 00			35 00	146 00	1,572 58
		1,020 00	15 00	4 90	23 80			23 35	67 05	1,087 05
1,700 00	350	1,200 00	21 80	103 50	25 00			29 00	179 30	1,379 30
$2,550 00	1,910	$12,499 47	$611 10	$479 25	$376 75	$150 00	$347 55	$300 60	$2,265 25	$14,764 72

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EASTERN—

Church.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Organized.	Membership			Value of Property.
				Gain.	Loss.	Present.	
*Goose Lake, First	H. Smith	W. P. Bonner	....	9	1	43	.....
* do Second	L. E. Henderson	W. H. Duke	....	4	....	19	.....
*Honey Lake	J. N. Boroughs	A. J. Spoon	1882	....	....	†30	$8,000 00
†Johnstonville	.....	.....	1885	...	....	13	.....
†Surprise Valley	.....	.....	1868	....	....	†54	†1,500 00
*Lake View	H. Smith	H. S. King	....	....	7	52	.....
†Pine Grove	Wm. Hollenbeck	A. Gunnison	1885	16	1	16	1,000 00
*Lake City	L. E. Henderson	H. Wood	....	6	11	59	.....
*Shiloh	J. B. Griffith	I. H. Griffith	....	....	....	21	.....
		Total		35	20	307	$10,500 00

No statistical letter received from any of the churches of this Association this year by—

UNASSOCIATED—

Waterford	W. R. Connelly	Mrs. D. C. Pinkerton	1893	4	....	4	$2,400 00
King City	L. B. Harvey	J. Downing	1893	9	...	9	.....
Orosi	A. D. Smith	J. J. Pugh	1893	20	4	16	.....
Fresno, Emanuel	H. B. Turner	G. W. Haber	1892	15	3	64	.....
*Lorin	.....	.....	1892	....	....	9	.....
Shiloh	O. Crittenden	Geo. Thayer	....	....	....	25	.....
		Total	....	48	7	127	$2,400 00

TULARE—

Sunday Schools.	Superintendents.	Organized.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Pupils Baptized During the Year	Volumes in Library.	Expense.
*Bethany	S. Hicks	.....	5	38	30	.....	.....	.....
Exeter	E. S. Balaam	1892	9	40	40	1	25	$35 00
*Fresno, First	D. J. Whidden	.....	.....	200	100	.....	100	150 00
" " Chinese	Miss I. E. Stein	1888	5	50	30	11	60	10 00
*Good Hope	.....	.....	5	20	15	.....	.....	12 00
Lemoore	Mrs. S. E. Loveland	1886	10	40	35	6	.....	.....
*Malaga	No report	....	7	40	35	.....	.....	10 00
†Modesto, Second	L. W. Ordney	....	9	67	40	.. .	.....	22 00
*Madera	A. S. Honeycraft	....	5	43	35	.....	.....	10 00
Reedley	F. S. Knauser	1891	6	.	54	4	.....	30 87
*Selma	S. Y. Gordon	...	5	35	25	.....	.....	26 00
Sanger	J. T. Watson	1892	13	70	60	.....	.....	30 00
Tulare	J. Travis	1887	12	100	75	.....	.....	50 00
" Chinese	Miss A. Egli	1887	1	23	....	.....	.....	21 00
	Total	.....	92	766	570	22	185	$406 87

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Indebtedness.	Seating Capacity.	Church Expense.	BENEVOLENCES.							TOTAL.
			Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Publication Society.	Edifice Fund.	Higher Education.	Other Benevolences.	Total	
				$37 65					$37 65	$37 65
			$6 50	45 07					51 57	51 57
		$28 00	5 00	25 00					30 00	58 00
				19 00					19 00	19 00
				8 00					8 00	8 00
		$28 00	$11 50	$134 72					$146 22	$73 22

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—CHURCHES.

		$150 00								$150 00
		$1,430 00	$5 80	$215 05				$112 00	$335 85	1,765 85
		$1,580 00	$5 80	$215 05				$112 00	$335 85	$1,915 85

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CONTRIBUTIONS.			YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	Members.	MONEY RAISED.	
Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.				Expenses.	Missions.
			No report				
			"				
			B. Y. P. U.	Percy Beck	45	$25 00	$38 60
			No report				
			No report				
			Y. P. C. E.	— Watson	64		
			Y. P. S. C. E.	Miss Annie St. John	24		5 00
			No report				
			B. Y. P. U.	J. B. Williams	41		7 70
			B. Y. P. U.	E. G. Humphrey	45	20 00	23 50
			No report				
			No society				
	$15 93	$15 93	B. Y. P. U.	Chas. Carpenter	28		
	$15 93	$15 93			247	$45 00	$74 80

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CENTRAL—

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Organized.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Pupils Baptized During the Year.	Volumes in Library.	Expense.
Alameda	O. K. Mitchell	1877	19	116	98	9	230	$111 50
Auburn	— Sanger	1872	17		21	3		
*Berkeley	H. Law		10	75	31			33 00
*Ceres	C. N. Whetemore							
*Cholaine	Mrs. J. B. Short		3	24	20	1		6 00
Gonzales	Geo. E. Faw	1874	9	75	67			60 00
Los Gatos	A. F. Mayo		16	163	83	1	200	
*Mt. Olivet	D. M. Morris			20	14		60	27 00
*Nevada City			6	50	35		100	
Oakland, First	O. A. Lane		38		210		400	180 00
Oakland, Tenth Ave	C. W. Dearborn		24	230	165	39	650	200 00
* " Twentieth St	L. Eshilman		10	60	45	6	325	100 00
" Golden Gate	C. L. Lanbard	1891	9	100	60	19	150	50 00
" Beth Eden	R. A. McGuinn	1890	6	40	25	2	50	35 00
" Swedish	G. Guslafson	1886	6	10	33			72 25
" Swedish Mission	Lena J. Hagstrom	1887	1	22	18			
" Dano-Norwegian	J. Johnson	1891	3	20	20			25 00
" Twenty-third Av	Prof. J. T. Wallace	1888	17	137	108	1	47	106 27
*Penryn	H. E. Parker		10	68	48			39 00
Paicines	R. H. Watson	1891	5	53	45	3	50	12 00
Panoche	Mrs. M. Thompson	1893	5	35	25	2		
Reno	B. F. Cutler		6	85	70	9		200 00
Sacramento, Calvary	G. O. Hayford		17	220	150	28	150	160 00
" Calv. Chinese	Miss Wilsey							
" Calv. Mission	J. N. Newell							
Salinas	Wm. Pence	1874	10	50	40			30 01
San Francisco, First	C. S. Bareford	1849	25		193	13	942	462 47
" First Bethesda	H. K. Mitchell		16		105			428 72
" First Calilean	J. R. Elder		7		54	1		200 00
" Emmanuel	P. D. Code	1868	20	171	91	8	150	62 00
" Ham. Square	D. Sawtelle	1881	19	150	110	18	183	250 00
" Third	Kev. Geo. E. Duncan	1854	16	75	50		160	101 40
" Chinese		188				3		
" Chinese, Day	Miss M. J. Ames	1884				2		
" Chinese, Night		1886				3		
" German	R. Vierhaus		9	97	39		195	95 00
" Swedish				42	35			45 70
San Jose, First	A. J. Heavner	1850	15	200	135	21	200	60 00
" First Mission	Miss F. Amsberg		5	48	30			
" Emmanuel	Z. L. Orcutt		18		140	15		150 00
Santa Clara	F. C. Burrell		10	45	35		200	35 00
Santa Cruz, First	A. A. Davis	1863	17	120	68		400	80 00
" Second	D. J. Brook	1888	8	50	40			
*San Lucas	John Whelan			40	30			
Mountain View	A. Crittenden		6	43	35		40	
San Pablo	Miss M. Johnson		7	60	40	8	100	37 00
Sonora	W. H. Rablin		9	40	25		40	10 00
Stockton, First	Chas. A. Beecher	1854	13	145	95	2	300	85 00
" First Faith	J. Churchill	1885	10	75	80			40 00
" First Hope	L. M. Harkness	1889						
" First Northwest	O. W. Dunlap	1890	6	35	18			151 00
" First Fair Oaks	I. R. Kinsen	1891	7	78	43			20 00
* " Second	C. L. Sublett		10	50		3		
Temple Grove	H. T. Hite	1893	8		20			80 00
Wheatland	B. F. Dam		7	50	42	2	70	30 00
Temple Grove, Mission			8		20			
Oakland, First Mission	L. F. Frederich	1886	10	90	60	7		90 00
" First Chinese	Mrs. Dr. J. R. Bradway	1878	2	28	7			
	Total		530	3,404	3,096	220	5,392	$3,962 31

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CONTRIBUTIONS.			YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.	MEMBERS.	MONEY RAISED.	
Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.				Expenses.	Missions.
.....	$12 07	$21 07	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Mattie Torson	31	$133 25	$81 60
.....	.....	.....	No society	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	"	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	6 60	6 60	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. F. Wideman	39	5 00	28 00
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	J. E. Richards	†86	100 00	31 00
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Wm. Hutton	†276	100 00	670 00
$100 00	.....	100 00	Y. P. S. C. E.	Frank B. Hoyt	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 65	.....	3 65	Y. P. S. C. E.	G. W. Frazier	50	120 00	5 00
3 00	.....	3 00	Y. P. U.	Mrs. Maggie Taylor	20	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	King's Aims	Rev. A. Sjolander	38	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 05	.....	20 05	B. Y. P. U.	J. B. Travis	111	130 10	141 85
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	B. Y. P. U.	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	B. Y. P. S.	Mrs. A. M. Bieb	40	105 00	2 50
.....	.....	.....	B. Y. P. U.	G. W. Shoemaker	146	$70 00	50 00
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.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Wm. T. Stocks	90	169 00	$83 50
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.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mrs. R. Averell	31	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Y. M. C. S.	Chan Wing	165	135 00	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	56 15	56 15	B. Y. P. U.	Wm. E. Mann	74	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	B. Y. P. U.	Mrs. John Barr	61	10 00	16 00
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. C. Clevenger	22	25 00	10 00
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	John Duff	30	150 00	25 00
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No society	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. B. U.	Mrs. E. H. Hayden	49	59 00	1 50
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. S. C. E.	A. Gerkingle	9	30 00	.....
5 50	8 30	13 80	Y. P. B. U.	J. R. Kinser	45	.....	.....
.....	4 75	4 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. C. U.	Miss Minnie Wilson	32	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No report	.....	.....	.....	.....
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$132 20	$96 87	$229 07	.....	.....	1,385	$1,348 75	$1,145 95

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† Items taken from the statistical report of 1892.

SACRAMENTO RIVER—

Sunday School.	Superintendents.	Organized.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Pupils Baptised During the Year.	Volumes in Library.	Expense.
Anderson	A. Dozier	1890	8	35	25			$20 00
Biggs	Mrs. L. Ruedin		8		50			
*Chico	W. H. Earl		12	100	65		60	50 00
Maxwell	J. F. Durham	1889	9	60	40	2		50 00
*Orland	F. S. Reagan		7		63			30 00
Redding	Mrs. L. J. Ball	1892	10	100	75	4		30 00
*Willows	J. A. Putnam		12	80	70			100 00
Linn	J. Sanderson	1888	5	77	15	5	20	25 00
Oak Valley, Swedish	S. Hayland		4	26	20	2		14 50
Chico, Chinese	Mrs. E. Ballard	1885	1	23	9			130 00
	Total		76	501	432	13	80	$449 50

CLEAR LAKE—

*Caspar	Mrs. C. Matthews		4	30	25			$30 00
*Fort Bragg	H. E. Wellar		10	94	102		60	96 80
*Eureka			14	175	120			130 00
*Kibisillah				25	25			16 00
*Lakeport, Second			5	32	30			25 00
*Porter Valley			8	51	20			9 00
*Ukiah			12	90	75		60	
*Westport			11	74	75			20 00
*Willitts			6	30	36			25 00
	Total		70	601	508		120	$362 30

PACIFIC—

Cloverdale, two schools			14	45	47			$20 00
Dixon	F. A. Hutton	1856	12	90	60		200	49 65
*Healdsburg	C. L. Kimball		9	86	69			45 00
Middletown	F. Sawtelle	1890	7	60		3		25 00
Napa	I. N Mount		12	78	65	2	50	140 00
*Petaluma	John Downie		7	30	20			31 00
*Sacramento, First	D. J. Davis		14	85	75		200	
" Emmanuel	S. P. Davis	1889	12		80	15		
Santa Rosa	E. J. Williams		14		60	1	170	52 00
St. Helena	Miss E. Truett	1874	11	61	45	5	100	45 50
*Vacaville	L. W. Frick		5	30	30			
Vallejo	J. C. Voorhes	1870	14	95	75	6	150	90 00
*Winters	J. B. McArthur		9	60	40		50	75 00
Woodland	C. T. Bidwell	1875	8	76	50	3		35 00
Yountville			6	30	20			25 00
Middletown Mission, First	L. Lundquist	1891	8	70				50 00
	Total		172	896	736	35	920	$683 15

EASTERN—

*Honey Lake	S. L. Frazier				40			$15 00
†Johnstonville	F. S. Gunter		6	30	35			
†Surprise Valley	F. A. Garnett		2	20	10			4 00
†Pine Grove	A Garrison		8	20	20		50	10 00
	Total		16	70	105		50	$29 00

—SECRETARY—CONTINUED.

—ASSOCIATION.

CONTRIBUTIONS.			YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.	PRESIDENTS.	Membership.	MONEY RAISED.	
Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.				Expenses.	Missions.
			No report.				
			"				
			No society				
			"				
			Y. P. S. C. E.	John C. Russell	44	$4 05	
			B. Y. P. U	—— Witney	35		
			No report.				
			"				
					79	$4 05	

—ASSOCIATION.

			No report				
			"				
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—ASSOCIATION.

			No report				
			B. Y. P. U.	G. S. Connor	76	$23 30	
			No report				
			Y. P. B. U	Miss E. D. Stark	21	35 60	$7 95
1 40		1 40	Y. P. S. C. E.	Mark Norton	11		
			No report.				
			B. Y. P. U	D. J. Davis	52	211 60	27 55
			B. Y. P. U.	E. S. Bareford	21		
26 10		26 10	Y. P. S. C. E.	Miss G. Miller	35	24 00	
9 60		9 60	Y. P. S. C. E.	Miss E. Shaw	24		
			Y. P. S. C. E.		120		
			Y. P. B. U.	Miss A. M. Lacey	22	11 00	
			No report.		24		
			B. Y. P. U.	C. T. Bidwell	45	30 00	25 00
			No report				
$37 10		$37 10			451	$335 60	$60 50

—ASSOCIATION.

			No report.				
			"				
			"				

REPORT OF STATISTICAL—

Items taken from the minutes of the Association of October, 1892.
Items taken from the statistical report of 1892.

UNASSOCIATED—

Sunday Schools.	Superintendents.	Organized.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Pupils Baptized During the Year.	Volumes in Library.	Expense.
Morgan Hill								
King's City	J. Downing		8		40			
Fresno, Emmanuel	F. J. Haber		9	60	48	6	150	$50 00
Shiloh	A. B. Ford	1893	7		20			
	Total		24	60	108	6	150	$50 00

TABULATED SUMMARY—

Association.	Membership. Number of Churches.	Baptized During Year.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Net Gain.	Present Membership.	Property. Valuation Meeting House	Valuation Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	Improvement During Year.	Seating Capacity.
Central	44	484	972	585	387	4,793	$350,050 00	$5,200 00	$46,435 30	$6,665 69	10,350
Clear Lake	11	131	171	35	136	634	19,825 00	525 00	50 00		
Eastern	13	8	35	20	15	307	10,500 00				
Pacific	17	131	243	106	137	1,115	53,700 00	5,600 00	2,550 00	3,153 70	1,910
Sacramento River	23	107	186	70	116	716	21,100 00	100 00	270 00	1,112 65	825
Tulare	21	126	296	84	212	873	18,550 00	1,000 00	2,471 00	375 00	1,515
Unassociated Ch's	13	15	48	7	47	127	2,400 00				
Grand Total	142	1,002	1,951	907	1,044	8,265	$476,125 00	$12,425 00	$51,776 30	$11,307 04	13,400

SUNDAY AND—

Associations.	No. of Scholars.	Enrolled. Officers and Teachers.	Enrolled. Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Public Baptisms During Year.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Library.	Annual Expense of School.
Central	57	530	3,404	3,096	220	5,392	$2,510 00	$3,962 35
Clear Lake	9	70	601	506		120	65 00	362 30
Eastern	4	16	70	105		50	10 00	29 00
Pacific	16	172	896	736	35	900	375 00	683 15
Sacramento River	10	76	501	432	13	80	61 00	449 50
Tulare	14	92	766	570	22	185	71 00	406 87
Unassociated	3	24	60	108	6	150	60 00	50 00
Grand Total	113	980	6,298	5,555	296	6,877	$3,152 00	$5,943 17

—SECRETARY—Continued.

—CHURCHES.

Contributions.			Young People's Society.	President.	Membership.	Money Raised.	
Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Total.				Expense.	Missions.
.....	.....	.....	Y. P. C. E. U.....	J. H. Hunter.....	20	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	No society.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	$31 60	$31 60	B. Y. P. U.....	Percy L. Beck.....	30	$52 00	$8 50
.....	.....	.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	$31 60	$31 60	.....	.....	50	$52 00	$8 50

—BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Worship.		Benevolences.										
Pastors' Salaries.	Min. Expenses Annually.	Foreign Missions.	City Missions.	State Missions.	Cal. Chinese Missions.	A. B. Pub. Society General Dept.	A. B. Pub. Society Bible Dept.	Education.	Church Building at Home.	Church Building Elsewhere.	Other Benevolences.
$25,244 67	$22,003 34	$3,199 34	$633 25	$1,662 99	$854 55	$261 15	412 50	$112 90	$5,533 40	$70 65	$4,179 05
2,503 25	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	363 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	28 00	11 50	.....	134 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9,644 55	2,854 92	611 10	35 00	394 05	50 00	374 30	2 45	347 55	150 00	.....	300 90
3,366 00	683 50	106 66	.....	54 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00	.....	.....
1,135 50	203 46	8 80	37 05	178 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112 00
1,150 00	.....	132 05	15 75	324 55	.....	19 20	.....	6 75	2,056 00	7 56	193 15
$43,043 97	$25,784 22	$4,050 45	$727 05	$2,688 61	$904 55	$1,020 65	$14 95	$467 20	$7,989 40	$78 21	$4,784 20

—MISSION SCHOOLS.

	Contributions								
Higher Education.	A. B. Home Missionary Society.	City Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	California Church Missions.	A. B. Pub. Soc. General Department.	A. B. Pub. Soc. Bible Department.	Church Buildings Elsewhere.
$28 00	$28 45	$37 60	$33 05	$205 80	.....	$52 25	$25 90	$21 26
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$3 40	34 90	.....	.....
.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	3 38	.....	.....	.....	7 55
.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	31 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
$28 00	$66 45	$37 60	$33 05	$209 18	$3 40	$87 15	$25 90	$28 81

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY—Continued.

*Not engaged in Ministerial Work.

MISSIONARIES.

General Missionary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Oakland
Missionary for Central California.....I. D. Wood, Fresno

MISSIONARY PASTORS.

G. W. Donnel.....Redding and Anderson
S. P. Davis.....Emmanuel, of Sacramento
A. J. Sturtevant.....Napa
E. T. Sandford.....Eureka
R. A. McGuinn.....Beth Eden, of Oakland
E. T. Whittemore.....Berkeley
N. Tychsen.....Danish-Norwegian, of Oakland
E. H. Hayden.....Mountain View, with out-station at Palo Alto
John Barr.....Emmanuel, of San Jose
J. O. Johnson.....Swedes of Santa Clara, Mendocino and Humboldt Counties
N. Hayland.....Swedes of Tehama and Sacramento Counties
Z. G. Rush.....Madera
W. R. Connelly.....Merced and Waterford
J. N. Lacy.....Sanger and Reedley
J. M. French.....Porterville, Exeter and Visalia
V. W. Robinson.....Hanford
W. H. Randall.....Auburn and Penryn

TO THE CHINESE.

Miss Martha J. Ames.....San Francisco
Mrs. E. J. Houghton.....938 Pacific street, San Francisco
Miss A. Florence Ford.....256 E. Sixteenth street, East Oakland
Rev. Tong Kit Hing.....915 Clay street, San Francisco.
Mrs. Emma Bullard.....Chico
Miss Eliza Wilsie.....907 Fifth street, Sacramento
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno
Mrs. Amanda Egli.....Tulare

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

Abbott, G. S., D. D.....118 Eleventh street, Oakland
Adams, H. E.....San Jose
Adams, W. E.....Oakland
Alder, Willie.....Vacaville
Alexander, T. W.....Malaga
Ayers, A. T.....Modesto
Bailey, B. T.....San Jose
Baker, F. N.....Maxwell
Ballentine, G. N.....Oakland
Barnes, J. E.....Chico
Barr, John.....San Jose
*Barton, N.....Clifton
*Beesley, C. A.....Sacramento
*Betterworth, J. J.....Hanford
*Bonner, J. D.....Willow Ranch
Burroughs, J. N.....Janesville
Burchett, G. G.....1020 Oak street, Oakland
Burroughs, J. P.....Janesville
Bowles, T. R.....Selma
*Boynton, Amos.....San Jose

Bradley, M. G.....St. Helena
*Briggs, O. W.....Berkeley
Brinkley, W. A.....Stockton
Brooks, J .....Woodbridge
*Buckbee, C. A., D. D.....2009 California street, San Francisco
Case, A.....Santa Rosa
Cartwright, John.....Malaga
Chilson, J.....Arbuckle
Clark, A.....Bishop Creek
Clark, R. D.....Eureka
Connelly, W. R.....Merced
*Crittenden, Orrin.....Pleyto, Monterey County
*Cunningham, G. P.....Shingletown
*Davis, S. P.....1631 M street, Sacramento
Dawson, J. W.....Anderson
De Witt, H. G., D. D.....Fresno
Dexter, S. K.....Ceres
Dietz, H. L.....1316 Adeline street, Oakland
Disher, G. W.....Oakland
Donnell, G. W.....Redding
Douglass, G. B.....Calistoga
Downie, John.....Petaluma
Dudley, Waldo.....Churchill
Duncan, Geo. E.....518 Powell street, San Francisco
*Doorn, A. G.....Biggs, Butte County
Eby, M. S.....Healdsburg
Edgreen. J. A., D. D.....Oakland
Ericksen, E. T.....Linne
*Ewer, W. D.....Los Gatos
*Findley, E.....Chico
Fisher, C. I.....Fort Bragg
Fisk, S. S.....Santa Rosa
Foster, Jos.....Santa Clara
French, J. M.....Porterville
Gaston, W. L.....Vallejo
Gear, H. L.....211 Sansome street, San Francisco
Gibson, J. G.....Chico
Gray, E. H., D. D.....1069 Brush street, Oakland
Gray, N. W.....Wrights
*Green, F. W.....Fresno
*Griffith, J. B.....Nortonville
*Harriman, S. M.....Winters
Harvey, L. B.....Kings City
Hatch, E. B.....Salinas
Haycock, Charles W.....Lakeport
Hayden, E. H.....Mountain View
Hayland, N.....Red Bluff
Helsley, J. N.....Gonzales
Henderson, L. E.....Willow Ranch
Henry, J. Q. A.....The Beresford, San Francisco
Henry, J. W.....735 Market street, San Francisco
Herrick, A. C.....1304 N street, Sacramento
*Hieronymous, Chas.....1532½ Eddy street, San Francisco
Hobart, C. H.....763 Twelfth street, Oakland
Holenbeck, W. H.....Pittville
*Howard, M. W.....Ukiah
*How, W. E.....Lake City
Hutchins, H. B.....Sacramento

Hudelson, B. F.....Golden Gate
Hughes, T. B.....San Pablo
Jones, G. E.....Paicines
Johnson, C. O.....213 Seventh street, San Francisco
Johnson, J. O.....San Jose
Jordan, W. T.....Dixon
Jordan, J. C.....Bakersfield
Keetch, S. C.....Vacaville
Kidder, W. S.....Ono
Kirkpatrick, T. J.....Orland
*Knight, J. B.....San Francisco
Lacy, J. N.....Sanger
Latourette, W. H.....Oakland
Lawrence, F. S.....Santa Cruz
Lee, M. D.....Oakland
Mason, C. S.....232 Sutter street, San Francisco
Malmberg, O. O.....Linne
McGuinn, R. A.....Oakland
Milchonian, A. J., M. D.....Fresno
Mitchell, Levi.....San Jose
Mitchell, F. M.....San Jose
Morgan, John.....Lodi
*Morris, V.....Winters
Morse, S. B., D. D.....East Oakland
Nelson, C. M.....Oakland
Norvell, J. S.....Alameda
*Palmer, George A.....Chico
Palmer, George H.....Stockton
Palmer, Ray.....Stockton
*Paulson, M.....San Francisco
Pope, W. B.....Reno, Nevada
Pullian, J. G.....Woodland
Prunk, G. E.....Healdsburg
Randall, W. H.....Santa Cruz
*Randolph, Thomas E.....Marysville
Read, George R.....Alameda
Randolph, Thos.....San Francisco
Rees, Eli.....Lemoore
*Reid, S. F.....Fresno
Reider, J. H.....Sacramento
*Reynolds, G. W.....Bieber
*Rice, Eli.....Lake City
*Ringo, S. A.....San Francisco
Robinson, V. W.....Hanford
Roddan, D. F.....Wheatland
Ross, J. S.....Caspar
*Runnels, G. W.....Lake City
Russell, A. M.....San Francisco
Rusk, Z. C.....Madera
Sanford, E. T.....Eureka
Sanford, S. L.....Ukiah
Saxton, J. B., D. D.....Vacaville
*Sawyer, M. K.....Little Lake
*Schalike, F. W.....515 Fell street, San Francisco
Siolander, A.....Oakland
Smith, Alanson D.....Fresno
Spencer, Bunyan.....East Oakland
Spencer, William C.....Alameda

Stark, J. I. G.....Alturas
Stevans, Matt.....Bakersfield
*Stewart, Charles W.....College City
*Stockwell, J. N.....Goshen
Smith, H.....Willow Ranch
Storms, J. H.....Tulare
Stenger, W. H.....Oakland
Sturtevant, A. J.....Napa
Sweaney, A.....Cohasset
Swena, Anson.....Chico
Sunderland, J.....1457 Myrtle street, Oakland
*Taft, S. A., D. D.....Alameda
Taylor, C. S.....Maxwell
Taylor, D. T.....Upper Lake
Thompson, C. J.....Santa Clara
*Thompson, W.....Sutter City
Tong Kit Hing.....915 Clay street, San Francisco
Turner, H. B.....Fresno
Tychsen, N.....Fruitvale
Van Lue, J. H.....Hanford
Waller, E.....Upper Lake
Wells, James.....Plateau
Wheeler, S. M.....Madera
Wheeler, E. G.....735 Market street, San Francisco
*Whipple, H. E.....San Francisco
Whitcomb, Orin.....Willitts
Whitcomb, Orin, Jr.....Willitts
Whitaker, Robert.....Twenty-Third Avenue, East Oakland
Westerberg, A.....Linne
Wood, I. D.....Fresno
*Wood, Thomas.....Vienna
*Wood, W. O.....Springville

O. C. Pope,
Statistical Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.– Name.

The name of this organization shall be the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II.—Object.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote domestic missions in the State of California, under the direction of the regular Baptist denomination of Christians, and to promote the general interests of the Baptist denomination in said State, as further provided for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE III.—Membership.

The members of this Convention shall consist of delegates from such Baptist Churches, Associational and Auxiliary Societies in the State of California, as shall contribute to its funds, and also life members. Each contributing church may annually elect three members, including the pastor, and if it have one hundred members, or over, may elect five delegates, including the pastor. Any member of a Baptist Church contributing twenty-five dollars, either at one time or in annual payments of not less than five dollars, may become a life member, with the privilege of voting as long as membership in good standing in any Baptist Church shall be maintained. These provisions as to membership shall be subject to future change or modification from time to time, as may be prescribed by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—Annual Meeting.

This Convention shall meet on Wednesday after the first Sunday in April, or at such other times as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon a written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to alter the time and place of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.—Officers.

The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor. There shall likewise be eleven Directors elected annually.

ARTICLE VI.—Duties of Directors.

The Directors shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from their number an Executive Committee of five, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention; appoint and commission all missionaries in central and northern California, and appropriate all money for the same, and a committee appointed by Associations in Southern California shall do the same work for that portion of the State, with a Treasurer appointed by the Southern Committee for that region. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee for central and northern California. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate of which in writing shall be presented to the annual meeting; and thereafter published in the Minutes.

ARTICLE VII.—The Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first annual meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State,

of three members each, upon Home Missions, Foreign Missions, California Chinese Missions, Publication Society, Sunday-school and Educational Work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational work in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the Minutes. Such alterations and amendments may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board and adoption by a three-tourths vote.

Proposed Amendments to Constitution.

At the end of Article I, add these words—"whose limit shall be all that portion of California lying north of the southern boundaries of Monterey and Tulare Counties."

After the word "Society" in second line of Article III, add these words: "Within the bounds of the Convention," in place of "in the State of California."

After the word "missionaries" in the fourth line of Article VI, strike out the words—"in central and Northern California" from line five, and after the word "same" in line six, the remainder of the sentence in lines six, seven and eight; also strike out from the tenth line of the same Article, after the word "Committee," these words—"for Central and Northern California."

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BY-LAWS.

1. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.
2. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.
3. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall be received.
4. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.
5. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention shall be effected.
6. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.
7. Further committees shall be appointed by the President.

First—On Important Subjects of the Report.
Second—On the Nomination of Directors.
Third—On Place and Appointment for Next Season.
Fourth—On Obituaries.
Fifth—On Chinese Missions.

8. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired, by any three of their number.
9. Motions if requested, shall be made in writing, and, if lost, shall not be published in the Minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question, "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

10. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflections shall be avoided. Appeals from the decision of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

11. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

12. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of churches and associations, an itemized account of the religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same by associations in the Minutes.

13. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

14. State work shall have special but not exclusive claim to consideration in this Convention. The reports, if not more than fifteen minutes in length, as a rule, of the special committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discourses, being of immediate practical relation to denominational life and work, shall have preference to the sermons in the programme of arrangements.

15. These Committees on Sunday-school, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions, are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

16. Any Baptist church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention: *provided*, that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by three delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee, with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

17. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provisions shall be made for the publishing of the Minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday-school, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

18. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

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NEW CONSTITUTION.

PROPOSED FOR THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II.—Field.

The field of this Convention shall be all that portion of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties.

ARTICLE III.—Object.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist churches, Sunday-schools, missions at home and abroad, Christian education and denominational fellowship and growth.

ARTICLE IV.—Membership.

This Convention shall be composed as follows:

1. Of life members, who may become such by the payment of $25 at any one time.

2. Of delegates from regular Baptist churches as follows, viz.: Each church contributing to its funds within the current year of the Convention shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members.

3. Of delegates from Baptist associations, each co-operating association being entitled to send one delegate and one additional delegate for every five hundred members.

4. Of heads of Baptist institutions of learning and representatives of denominational societies residing within the bounds of the Convention, including one person each from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, and from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California.

ARTICLE V.—Officers.

The officers of the Convention shall be a President, one Vice-President from each co-operating association, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and *eleven* Directors, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

The Directors shall associate with themselves the officers of the Convention (with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary) as an Advisory Board with powers co-ordinate with their own. The Missionary Committee of each co-operating association may nominate its own Vice-President and one Director. No missionary of the Convention shall be a director or officer.

ARTICLE VI.—Duties of Officers.

The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board.

Each Vice-President shall be a committee to co-operate with the Convention in his Association.

The Corresponding Secrerary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and Board, take the necessary steps to secure the statistics from the churches each year, and, with the co-operation of the Corresponding Secretary, publish an annual, giving a full report of the work of the Convention, and the statistics of the denomination within its bounds.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Convention and disburse the same only upon the order of the Board; hold his accounts open for inspection always, make reports to the Board quarterly, and a full report to the Convention annually. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall, at the discretion of the Board, give bonds, with sufficient securities, for the faithful discharge of the same.

ARTICLE VII.—Duties of Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors (seven of whom shall constitute a quorum) shall hold all property of the Convention, carry out its plan for co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society, in the support of missionaries and colporteurs, transact all business committed to it by the Convention, and make a full written report at each annual meeting.

Sec. 2. They shall meet not later than the day of the adjournment of the Convention, and thereafter quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President at the written request of five members.

Sec. 3. They shall have power to fill vacancies in their own number.

Sec. 4. They shall appoint from their own number, at their first meeting each year, an Executive Committee of five members, who shall be located with

reference to facility of meeting together, to whom the Board may commit any business, *ad interim*, and who shall report to the Board quarterly. Also committees from their own number on American Baptist Home Mission Society, American Missionary Union, American Baptist Publication Society and Christian Education.

ARTICLE VIII.—Special Board of Foreign Missions.

The Convention shall appoint annually a Special Board of Foreign Missions, consisting of nine persons (three of whom shall constitute a quorum), who shall, in co-operation with the District Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, give all diligence to foster this cause, using such methods as they may think best, and making a report of their work at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX.—Committees.

Section 1. The committees for the session shall be appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of five persons, except the last named committee, which shall be nominated from the floor, and consist of one person from each co-operating association, viz.:

1. On Arrangements for the Present Session.
2. On Place and appointments for the Next Annual Meeting.
3. On Important Subjects in the Report of the Board.
4. On Enrollment.
5. On Resolutions.
6. On Nomination of Officers and Directors.

Sec. 2. The following standing committees, of five persons each, shall be appointed before the adjournment of the Convention, each committee to present at the next annual meeting a carefully prepared report upon the subject for which it is appointed, viz.;

1. On Christian Education.
2. On American Baptist Home Mission Society.
3. On American Baptist Publication Society, and Religious Literature.
4. On Sunday-schools.
5. On Obituaries.

ARTICLE X.—Annual Meeting.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Convention shall be held at such place as the Convention may determine, beginning on the third Tuesday in June, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Sec. 2. The President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary shall constitute a committee to prepare and publish a programme for the next annual meeting, in consultation with the Presidents of such societies as hold their annual meetings in connection with the Convention.

ARTICLE XI.—Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present; *provided* one year's notice has been given of the proposed change; or, *provided* that it has been unanimously recommended by the Board.

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BY-LAWS.

1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with appropriate devotional exercises, and all care shall be taken to promote spirituality during the sessions.

2. Articles II, III, IV and V of the Constitution and the By-Laws shall be read from the Chair at the opening session of the Convention.

3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

4. All committees shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Convention, unless otherwise ordered.

5. No person, except the one making the opening address, shall speak longer than ten minutes, or more than twice, on any given topic without leave from the body.

6. Roberts' Rules of Order shall be authority in conducting the business of the Convention.

7. The President of the Convention shall have power, upon the written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to change the places and time of the annual meeting.

8. The following shall be the general order of business.

(1.) The annual sermon shall be preached on the first evening of the Convention.

(2.) The election of officers shall not occur earlier than the forenoon of the third day of the Convention.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. JORDAN, Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Board of Directors of the General Baptist Convention of California:

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL., June 21, 1893.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz County, California, on the 21st day of June, 1893.

Present: H. E. McCune, Chairman; H. L. Gear, J. L. Lyon, L. D. Inskeep, W. R. Strong, M. S. Featherstone, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer.

In the absence of the Clerk of the Board, Rev. Wm. C. Spencer was elected to serve as Clerk *pro tem.*

On motion made and seconded, the report of the Executive Committee was received and adopted as the Report of the Board of Directors to the Convention.

Rev. Wm. C. Spencer reported that the First Church, Oakland, had paid into the Treasury $100.00 for the purpose of making Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. Bunyan Spencer, and Rev. J. Sunderland, Life Members of the Convention; and on motion made and seconded, they were so recognized.

There being no further business before the Board, on motion made and seconded, the Board adjourned.

REV. WM. C. SPENCER,
Clerk *pro tem.*

MINUTES OF THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL., June 23, 1893.

A meeting of the Directors of the Home Mission Society of Northern and Central California was held at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz County, California, June 23rd, 1893.

J. L. Lyon was elected Chairman and Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Secretary.

The following, viz: J. L. Lyon, H. L. Gear, Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant were nominated and elected to serve as the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Society for the current year of 1893-94.

On motion made and seconded, the Board adjourned.

Rev. B. F. Hudelson,
Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley street, San Francisco.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, East Oakland.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. C. Lillis, 3036 California street, San Francisco.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer, 1821 Encinal Avenue, Alameda.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Joy, 207 Fell street, San Francisco.
Auditor—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Oakland.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association—Mrs. K. J. Smallman, East Oakland, Cal.
Sacramento River Association—Mrs. J. C. Russell, Redding, Cal.
Clear Lake Association—Mrs. Lindsay, Ukiah, Cal.
Pacific Association—Mrs. W. F. Jordan, Dixon, Cal.
Tulare Association—Mrs. J. Travis, Tulare, Cal.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. J. R. Bradway, Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. C. F. Baker,
Mrs. A. C. Darling, Mrs. L. W. Fielding, Mrs. C. F. Davis,
Mrs. J. G. Ressiguie, Mrs. D. Sawtelle, Mrs. E. H. Gray,
Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. E. Higgins,
Mrs. George Duncan, Mrs. N. Douglass, Mrs. J. Wilson,
Mrs. J. K. Smallman, Miss M. A. Ham.

ADVISORY BOARD.

Mrs. Bamford, Mrs. L. P. Brackett, Mrs. H. L. Pettit,
Miss Lena Hagstrome, Miss Jessie Sanders, Mrs. Clerenger,
Mrs. McGuinn, Mrs. A. M. Rowe, Mrs. S. C. Keetch,
Mrs. W. H. Randall, Mrs. S. B. Randall, Mrs. Loucks,
Mrs. S. B. Hunkins, Miss C. Dickinson, Mrs. A. C. Stalker,
Mrs. F. E. Caton, Mrs. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. A. M. Russell,
Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. H. L. Dietz, Mrs. O. H. Collins,
Mrs. B. F. Hudelson.

Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies—Miss Ham, 1457 Myrtle street, Oakland.
Superintendent of Intelligence—Mrs. Myrtle B. Sill, 631 E. Twelfth street, East Oakland.
Superintendent of Bands—Miss Minnie Ham, 1457 Myrtle street, Oakland.
Superintendent of Distribution of Literature—Miss Ella Berger, East Oakland.

COMMITTEES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Memorial—Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. J. M. Helsey.
Resolutions—Mrs. J. Sunderlaad, Mrs. J. V. Chapman.

The twelfth annual meeting of this society was held at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz County, California, June 21st, 1893.

After devotional exercises led by Mrs. H. L. Gear, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis called the meeting to order and appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—Mrs. G. S. Abbott aud Mrs. S. V. Chapman.

On Enrollment—Miss Mary E. Bamford and Mrs. L. W. Fielding.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The report of Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Recording Secretary, came to hand after the close of the session, but is inserted here.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

Twelfth Annual Report.

Another year has gone by and the question naturally comes to our minds: What have we accomplished?

We have come far short of what we desired to do but trust that some work has been done that shall tell for the glory of our King.

We felt a year ago that something must be done to bring the circles into closer contact with our Executive Board. So at the very beginning a new Board was formed which was called an Advisory Board. This consisted of representative women from the different circles, whom we invited to meet with us at our regular Board meetings, and when unable to do so, to send us a brief note of the work in their churches. This has bound us closer together.

Another change has been the discontinuance of our regular quarterly meetings, and in their stead we have united with the various county unions.

This change has been for the best, we believe, as the responsibility of the work and of the meetings is thrown upon the many rather than upon the few.

We have assisted in the support of three missionary pastors, who have labored in the northern, central and southern parts of the State. Over and over have our hearts been stirred as we have read at our Board meetings letters from Brothers Sanford and French.

Our President, Mrs. Davis, has ably represented us at the Associations this year.

There have been seven Board meetings with an average attendance of eleven.

Your Secretary has written 208 postals, 12 letters.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. HOBART,
Recording Secretary.

Mrs. S. B. Randall read the report of the Corresponding Secretary, who was prevented from being present by the sudden illness of her little daughter. The report was adopted.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Another year in the history of our Home Mission Society has closed and naturally we look about to see what good has been accomplished. We wish that we might report greater results this year. To our limited view the results are small, and yet to the all-seeing eye of our omnipotent God they may be of great value. If our offerings and our efforts have been the means of leading even one soul to the Lord Jesus Christ this year, shall we call it small service?

The ladies changed the method of work somewhat this year and at the recommendation of the Convention Board, we have helped to support three missionary pastors, Rev. J. D. French, located at Porterville, Exeter and Visalia; Rev. S. L. Sanford at Eureka, and Rev. N. Tychsen, who is laboring among the Danes and Norwegians in Oakland and San Francisco. These consecrated men are doing grand missionary work. We are glad to have been able to assist them in their noble efforts to advance Christ's Kingdom in these needy fields.

One important branch of our work this year has been the Students' Aid Fund. Two students in California College have been helped very materially in their year's course. This is a new departure of work and we hope it will prove of great benefit and blessing to many in future years.

The Bureau of Supplies has done efficient work this year under the superintendence of Mrs. S. P. Davis, whose report will be found very interesting. This is one of the most helpful departments of our work.

Mrs. S. C. Lillis has charge of the distribution of literature. Many of our sisters throughout the State are sending good, helpful literature to those who have not the means wherewith to subscribe for it themselves. The letters received from some show their appreciation of this kindness.

Our thoughts and attention this year have been largely turned into Foreign Mission channels. Our sympathies have been enlisted in the direction of the Centenary movement. The true missionary spirit includes both home and foreign works, and we heartily rejoice that our denomination has raised the million dollars; glad, too, that we could add our mite. So when we say that our Home Mission work has suffered somewhat thereby, let it not be thought that we have not been in sympathy with the Centenary movement. "The field is the world," and we are thankful that those living in the darkness of heathenism will have still greater opportunity of hearing the good tidings.

At the same time there is *great* need of exertion on our part that the work at home fall not behind what it has been in the past. We regret to say that we are unusually short in funds this year.

May the year to come be one of as great activity along Home Mission lines as the one which has just closed has been in the foreign work.

The associational reports are not what they should be this year, owing to the failure of many of the churches to fill out the blanks sent them. Some of our largest and strongest churches have failed in this respect.

Following is the report as we have received it:

Associations.	No. of Churches.	Members.	H. M. Mo.	Pacific.	Amounts.
Central	16	216	32	....	$327 00
Pacific	9	90	16	71	65 65
Clear Lake	No report...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tulare	No report...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sacramento River	1	1	1	25	12 50

Letters and postals written..... 164
Letters and postals received..... 87

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. C. F. BAKER,
Cor. Sec'y W. B. H. M. Society of California.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. E. F. Joy, who received a hearty vote of thanks for the efficient work she has performed through the year.

The report of the Superintendent of Bands was read and adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHILDREN'S MISSION BAND WORK.

More interest has been manifested in this department of our work during the past year than for some time, and yet there is need of greater interest.

In quite a number of our churches we have mission bands. In response to a call for reports few have sent accounts of their work. Some hope to form bands in the near future. It is almost impossible to interest the children and young people in this work, as so many have other interests in and out of the church. In some churches the mission work is carried forward in connection with other work. For example, in two churches the Junior Endeavor introduces mission work into their regular meetings.

Occasional reports have come from different bands during the year, notably the Napa Band, which seems to be alive and active.

Nine bands are reported this year, with 140 members, and the contributions reported are $181.14. Most of the circles are both home and foreign, and other interests are also looked over.

May the number of bands, and interest in them, be increased, and may the Master's blessing be upon all these little laborers in this vineyard, who will all too soon be bearing the burden of the work in years to come.

MRS. C. F. BAKER,
Superintendent Mission Band Work.

The report of Mrs. S. P. Davis, Superintendent of the Bureau of Supplies, was presented and adopted. The work of this department has been very gratifying, and several representatives from circles testified to the blessings received in packing barrels and boxes of supplies for our missionaries.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

CHURCHES.	Supplies.	Value.
Alameda	2 barrels and box	$127 10
Chico	1 box	45 20
Dixon	1 box	100 00
Oakland, First	1 barrel	31 25
" Tenth Avenue	1 barrel	133 50
Santa Rosa	1 barrel	45 70
San Francisco, First	2 boxes and money	34 00
Santa Cruz, First	1 box	20 00
Salinas	1 box and $4.50 cash	25 00
San Jose, First	2 boxes	67 50
Vallejo	1 box	26 50
Los Gatos	2 packages	13 00
Total		$668 75

Three churches have not yet reported—Red Bluff, Golden Gate and Oakland, Twenty-third avenue. All of them expected to send boxes, so that the amounts will probably reach nearly $800 when all are in.

MRS. S. P. DAVIS,
Supt. Bureau of Supplies.

At this point of the proceedings Miss Flora Lawrence recited a sweet little poem, which delighted the audience.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Intelligence was read and, after discussion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

A little more than a year ago the Bureau of Intelligence was enlarged. This branch of our work is yet in its infancy. Many need but to call upon it to appreciate the help to be obtained from it.

One sister, who has sent repeatedly for helpful articles, writes of the benefit their cirle has derived from it. This would be the testimony of many more if they would give our literature a trial.

During the year Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer prepared a leaflet on "The Work of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California for 1892-93." This was widely circulated.

We hope the report next year will show more accomplished in this direction.

Leaflets, blanks, manuscripts, etc. distributed, 788.

MRS. C. F. BAKER,
Superintendent Bureau of Intelligence.

The report of the Quarterly Missionary Gathering of Napa and Solano counties was read. Meetings of a pleasant and profitable nature have been held at Napa and Vallejo, and the sisters have been cheered by visits from Miss Ham and Mrs. Norvell.

Mrs. S. B. Randall reported for the Santa Clara Valley Gathering, speaking of the meetings as a great inspiration and blessing.

The report of the Nominating Committee resulted in the election of the following persons:

President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley street, San Francisco.

Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, East Oakland.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. C. Lillis, 3036 California street, San Francisco.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer, Alameda.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Joy, 207 Fell street, San Francisco.

Associational Secretaries—Central Association, Mrs. L. A. Remington, San Jose; Sacramento River Association, Mrs. J. C. Russell, Redding; Clear Lake Association, Mrs. Lindsay, Ukiah; Pacific Association, Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Dixon; Tulare Association, Mrs. J. Travis, Tulare.

The report of the Enrollment Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

	No. Delegates.
Sacramento, Calvary	2
Oakland, First	8
" Tenth Avenue	1
" Twenty-third Avenue	3
" Twentieth Street	1
" Beth Eden	1
Alameda	2
Los Gatos	2
San Francisco, First	3
" Emmanuel	1
San Jose, First	1
Stockton, First	2
Santa Cruz, First	8
Gonzales	2
Ukiah	1
Modesto	1
Mountain View	2
Santa Rosa	1
Total	42

After singing and prayer the meeting adjourned till 8 P. M.

The President called the meeting to order and conducted devotional exercises, after which the report of the Memorial Committee was called for, but through some oversight it was not forthcoming, but was presented later on and adopted.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

It becomes the sad duty of your committee to record the deaths of a few of our earnest life-long Christian workers. That these lives have been an inspiration to greater activity and deeper consecration in the Master's work many sisters present can testify.

To such households and circles as have been bereft of loved ones we tender our sympathy and prayers.

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue Circle, mourns the loss of Mrs. S. J. Parkhurst, widow of the late Rev. W. J. Parkhurst, who died August 30, 1892, aged 63 years. She was born in Chelmsford, Mass., and converted at the age of 12. In 1860 she came with her husband across the plains from Iowa to California. Mrs. Parkhurst was a sweet, spiritual, earnest Christian. She was instrumental in organizing the Twenty-third Avenue Mission Circle, and was one of the most efficient and esteemed members of the church, where she is greatly missed.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue Circle, Sunday, October 23, 1892, Mrs. S. Warner joyfully answered the summons to "come up higher." She was truly a "mother in Israel," having lived eighty-six years; a happy devoted Christian, loving and being loved by both young and old. She was ever deeply interested in the work of Evangelization, and had the honor of active membership in the First Home Mission Circle in California.

Oakland, First Church Circle, Mrs. M. A. Gilchrist, wife of the late Judge Gilchrist, died February 12, 1893. She was a life member, respected and loved by all who knew her.

Surely we who knew these noble, self-sacrificing sisters may exclaim with John, "That they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. K. SMALLMAN,

Chairman Memorial Committee.

Rev. W. R. Connelly addressed the meeting, speaking of the work in Merced, Redding and Dinuba.

Mr. Featherstone spoke feelingly and forcibly of Rev. J. M. French's work at Visalia and other places, which proved him to be a man of energy, self-denial and great faith. Rev. I. D. Wood described the district in which Rev. J. M. French is working, and mentioned some of the discouragements he has had to meet. The Secretary then read a letter from Rev. Mr. French.

Rev. W. H. Latourette read a letter from Rev. E. T. Sanford of Eureka. The letter spoke of additions to the Church and God's blessing upon the work, in spite of difficulty and trial.

Rev. G. W. Donnell came to the platform to speak of the work at Redding. He commended in high terms the labors of Rev. W. R. Connelly at this place. The membership has grown from eight resident members to about fifty. A beautiful house of worship has been erected.

The President spoke of the work of the Edifice Department and the deficit in the funds.

While the collection was being taken, Mr. E. F. Joy spoke of woman's influence and enjoined the men to support their wives and daughters in this work.

Rev. Mr. Tychsen was called upon to speak of his labors among the Dano-Norwegian population of Oakland. His words moved all hearts.

Mrs. R. L. W. Davis announced the names of the ladies who will serve on the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Rev. G. W. Donnell favored the audience with a soul-stirring solo, entitled "California for Jesus."

It was moved that the Society send a vote of thanks to Mrs. C. F. Baker, the retiring Corresponding Secretary for the earnest and efficient work she has rendered for so long a period. Also a vote of sympathy for her in the illness of her little daughter, carried.

After prayer, the meeting adjourned for one year.

MRS. WM. C. SPENCER,
Recording Secretary.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

From June 14, 1892, to June 17, 1893.

MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Mrs. W. H. Latourette from last year	$ 17 27
Sacramento, First	10 00
" Calvary	24 00
" Emmanual	6 00
Oakland, Tenth Avenue	48 00
" Twentieth Street	4 50
" First	81 80
" Twenty-third Avenue	5 00
Mrs. M. D. Eschleman	125 00
Fresno, First	9 00
St. Helena	12 50
Santa Cruz	6 35
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stegeman	15 00
Penryn	10 66
San Francisco, First	28 00
" " Steadfast Club	6 55
" " Shining Star Band	6 10
" Hamilton Square	10 00
" Emmanuel	3 00
Salinas and Napa	4 80
San Jose, First	12 50
" " Mrs. S. B. Hawkins Life	
" " Membership	10 00
" Emmanual	18 00
" " Mrs. L. A. Remington	
" " Life Membership	10 00
Alameda	18 00
Third Quarterly Collection, St. Helena	2 50
Fourth Quarterly Collection, Santa Cruz	3 50
Napa	8 65
Los Gatos	6 00
" King's Daughters	2 50
Stockton, First	23 00
Golden Gate	6 00
Chico	4 50
Santa Clara	4 70
Willows	12 50
Lake Port Association	6 95

Gonzales	8 00	
Woodland	11 00	
Tulare	1 25	
Santa Rosa	14 55	
Selma	5 00	
Arbuckle	5 00	
Dixon	9 25	
Vallejo	11 00	
Mrs. M. D. Ewer	1 00	
Total Receipts		$ 638 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

To C. F. Baker, Treasurer of Convention	$ 607 88	
Transferred from Mrs. Eschleman's subscription	25 00	
Total Disbursements		$ 632 88
Cash on hand		$ 6 00

EDIFICE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Mrs. W. H. Latourette from last year		$ 308 90
Special contribution for Golden Gate Fund :—		
Mrs. O. J. Lincoln	$ 2 00	
Mrs. H. E. McCune	2 00	
Mrs. E. W. Darling	1 00	
Mrs. E. Bamford	1 00	
Mrs. Hill	5 00	
Mrs. E. Higgins	5 00	
Mr. E. Higgins	5 00	
Mrs. J. P. Parker	1 00	
Mrs. L. T. Heintsman	2 00	
Rev. G. D. Green	50	
Interest from Bank	3 89	
Mrs. J. Q. A. Henry	5 00	
Mrs. N. S. Douglass	5 00	
Mrs. W. R. Connelly	5 00	
Mrs. C. H. Hobart	5 00	
Mrs. Geo. Duncan	1 00	
Mrs. Poindexter	2 00	
Mrs. Booth	2 00	
Mrs. L. C. Pray	3 50	
Mrs. C. N. Whitmore	5 00	
Mrs. J. H. Garnett	1 00	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis	5 00	
Mrs. E. M. Hunkins	2 50	
Mrs. H. F. Jordan	2 00	
Mrs. Welcome	50	
From a Friend	50	
Sunday Collections	3 75	
Mrs. S. B. Hunkins	2 50	
		$ 79 64
San Francisco, First		4 65
" Emmanuel		2 00
St. Helena		5 00
Alameda		6 50

Oakland, First	27 00	
" " Young Ladies' Club	5 00	
" Twenty-third Avenue	50	
" Twentieth Street	1 00	
Los Gatos	1 00	
Transferred from expense account	5 00	
Total Receipts		$ 446 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

To C. F. Baker, Treasurer of Convention	$ 446 19	
		$ 446 19

STUDENTS' AID FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Rev. W. Latourette from last year	$ 8 25	
Beth Eden	1 25	
Oakland, First	13 35	
" " Willing Workers	4 00	
St. Helena	5 00	
Dixon	6 35	
San Francisco, First	2 00	
Mrs. Geo. Duncan	5 00	
Mrs. Hunker	5 00	
C. S. Brown	1 50	
Quarterly Meeting Santa Clara Valley Union	4 00	
Transferred from Missionary Fund, Mrs. Eschleman's subscription	25 00	
Transferred from Baby Band account	2 15	
Total Receipts		$ 82 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss B. R. Stenger	$ 50 00	
Mr. H. Jackson	15 00	
Total Disbursements		$ 65 00
Cash on Hand		$ 17 85

BABY BAND.

RECEIPTS.

Penryn, Missionary Circle	$ 2 15	
Mrs. C. F. Baker	50	
Mrs. B. K. Smith	30	
Los Gatos, Missionary Circle	70	
Total Receipts		$ 3 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Transfered to Student's Aid Fund	$ 2 15	
		$ 2 15
Cash on Hand		$ 1 50

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Mrs. W. H. Latourette from last year	$ 30 68	
Collection from Conventions	9 60	
Collections, Envelopes	1 00	
Mrs. C. F. Baker	50	
Oakland, First	9 10	
" Tenth Avenue	6 00	
" Twenty-third Avenue	8 25	
Santa Clara	5 90	
Santa Cruz	3 70	
Stockton, First	3 00	
Willows	2 22	
Arbuckle	1 00	
Orland	3 85	
Napa and Solano Churches	4 10	
Mrs. W. H. Remington	1 00	
Collections Sacramento District Union	8 32	
" Second Quarterly Meeting	3 70	
" Third Quarterly Meeting	3 75	
" Quarterly Meeting, Berkeley	1 80	
" Tulare Association	2 80	
" Sacramento River Associations	7 70	
" Central Baptist Associations	8 54	
" Santa Clara Valley Union	3 25	
Total Receipts		$ 129 76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. C. F. Baker, stationery	$ 6 25	
Payot, Upham & Co., stationery	2 40	
Mrs. C. H. Hobart, stamps and envelopes	3 20	
" expenses Los Gatos	3 00	
" book	40	
Leader Publishing Co., printing	28 50	
Mrs. S. P. Davis, stationery, etc	2 10	
C. F. Baker on account Printing Convention Minutes	40 00	
Transferred to Edifice Fund	5 00	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, expenses Danuba	15 00	
" " " Sac. River Association	10 00	
" " " Pacific Association	1 35	
" " " Santa Cruz	2 50	
" " " Los Gatos	2 50	
Total Disbursements		$ 122 20
Cash on Hand		7 56

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

1892.	
July	$ 421 84
August	60 80
September	27 15
October	43 04
November	9 75
December	18 60

1893.		
January	43 95	
February	111 37	
March	187 76	
April	91 27	
May	61 05	
June	224 75	
Total Receipts		$1,301 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

1892.		
July	$ 373 56	
August	34 00	
September	50 00	
October	35 70	
November	3 50	
December	45 40	
1893.		
January	62 45	
February	69 00	
March	194 71	
April	105 47	
May	25	
June	294 38	
Total Disbursements		$1,268 42
Cash on Hand		32 91

RECAPITULATIONS.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance from last year	$ 17 27	
Net contributions	621 61	
Total Receipts		$ 638 88
Disbursements		632 88
Cash on Hand		6 00

EDIFICE FUND.

Balance from last year	$ 308 90	
Net contributions	137 29	
Total Receipts		$ 446 19
Disbursements		446 19

STUDENTS' AID FUND.

Balance from last year	$ 8 25	
Net contributions	74 60	
Total Receipts		$ 82 85
Disbursements		65 00
Cash on hand		$ 17 85

BABY BAND.

Total Receipts	$ 3 65
Disbursements	2 15
Cash on Hand	$ 1 50

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year	$ 30 68	
Net Contributions	99 08	
Total Receipts		$ 129 76
Disbursements		122 20
Cash on Hand		$ 7 56

TRIAL BALANCE.

	DR.	CR.
Cash account	$ 32 91	
Expense account		$ 7 56
Students' Aid Fund		17 85
Missionary Band		6 00
Baby Band		1 50
Cash on Hand	$ 32 91	

Total Net Contributions from June 14, 1892, to June 17, 1893 ..... $ 936 23

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. F. JOY, Treasurer.

Examined with vouchers and found correct.
E. H. GRAY.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. O. K. Wright,	Mrs. C. H. Hobart,	Mrs. Elisha Higgins,
Mrs. C. S. Capp,	Mrs. William Meek,	Mrs. Mary A. Gilchrist,
Mrs. O. J. McKinnon,	Mrs. Ella Clinton,	Mrs. C. F. Baker,
Mrs. M. A. Pine,	Miss. Ella Bradway,	Miss. Fannie Latimer,
Mrs. N. S Douglass,	Mrs. John Stevens,	Mrs. William C. Spencer,
Mrs H. Garthwaite,	Mrs. Ellen Mason,	Mrs. J. Herndon Garnett,
Mrs. J. R. Bradway,	Mrs. J. C. Fielding,	Mrs. O. M. Vesper,
Miss C. P. Hull,	Mrs. E. B. Hemkins,	Mrs. L. A. Remington.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid in evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars, at any one time, or installments during the year.

ART. IV. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice-Presidents *ex-officio* of this Society.

ART. V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place; to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ART. VI. The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. The Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ART. VIII. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of Associational Secretaries to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church in the Association, and working for their individual success; also to assist in the arrangements and make reports at the regular meetings of the Associational Society; conferring freely with the Corresponding Secretary, and receiving through her help, advice and direction from the Board of Directors. These Secretaries, as well as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, shall make annual reports to the Society.

5. The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a printing fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

7. The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8. All circles contributing not less than $1 per member to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

9. The duties of the Advisory Board shall be, whenever possible, to attend the regular Board meeting. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a brief report of our work in their churches.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the ———————— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its objects shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART II. Its objects shall be to develop an interest in the cause of missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Trersurer and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those generally assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All money raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

MINUTES OF THE

Womans' Foreign Missionary Society

OF CALIFORNIA

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL., June 23, 1893.

The Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California held a session Friday afternoon, June 23, 1893, at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz Co., California.

After reading from the Scriptures by the President, Mrs. J. Sunderland, the Vice-President, Mrs. C. Thompson, led in prayer.

Mrs. J. Sunderland delivered an address on the mission work of our missionaries in Osaka, Japan, and mentioned the marriage of Miss L. Adele Phillips, until recently our missionary at that station. The Corresponding Secretary then read extracts from a letter written by Rev. J. H. Scott, telling of eleven converts at Osaka, and of his wish that he and Mrs. Scott could speak the Japanese language more readily. The converts are not from Christian families, and the two native helpers have belonged to the church but about a year.

Mrs. S. Randall earnestly addressed the meeting on what the work of our circles should be during the coming year. She expressed the opinion that we should not fall below the work of the past year.

Mrs. H. E. Carpenter, returned missionary from Nemuro, Japan, was introduced, and she spoke about her experience. Before going to Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were for seventeen years missionaries in Burmah. Mr. Carpenter's health failing, they spent several years in the United States, and then seven years ago, went as missionaries to Japan. In that country, a few months after his arrival, Mr. Carpenter died. Mrs. Carpenter had promised her husband that she would continue the work there, if possible. In loneliness and hardship she has done so.

Mr. Parshley and wife, and Miss Cummings, are now at Nemuro. Over forty have been converted since Mrs. Carpenter first went there. She has not, in the seven years, met with so large a company of Christians as were at Twin Lakes. For years she lived on a teacher's passport, which did not allow her to go more than seven miles outside of Nemuro.

The subject of General Foreign Missions was now taken up. The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read.

An address on "After the Centennial, What?" was delivered by Rev. J. Sunderland.

Rev. S. B. Randall delivered an address on "The Importance of N-O-W in the Evangelization of the World."

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D. spoke on "Why I return to China."

Adjourned.

MISS MARY E. BAMFORD,
Corresponding Secretary

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. J. Sunderland, 1457 Myrtle street, Oakland.
First Vice-President—Mrs. C. Thompson, 717 Sixteenth street, Oakland.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. F. Winbigler, Riverside.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. G. Resseguie, 1267 Eleventh Avenue, East Oakland.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. E. Beach, 1202 Monroe street, East Oakland.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Mary E. Bamford, 621 Fifteenth street, East Oakland.
District Secretary for Southern California—Mrs. Burr Bassell, 725 Washington street, Los Angeles.
Auditor—Mr. W. H. Barnes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mrs J. Sunderland,
Mrs. D. Sawtelle,
Mrs. C. Thompson,
Mrs. R. E. Beach,
Miss M. E. Bamford,
Mrs. M. M. Gray,
Mrs. J. G. Resseguie,
Mrs. C. A. Edson,
Mrs. C. Button,
Mrs. W. F. Winbigler,
Mrs. G. Guiwits.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central—{ Miss Lizzie Beecher, Wrights, San Jose District.
{ Mrs. E. R. Stockwell, Stockton, Northern District.
Los Angeles—Mrs. M. E. McLellen, 279 Grant street, Pasadena.
Pacific—Miss A. A. Jones, Vallejo.
Tulare—Mrs. T. R. Bowles, Selma.
Sacramento River—
Eastern—Miss May Reeder, Goose Lake.
Clear Lake—
Santa Barbara—Mrs. A. G. Dewar, Hueneme.
Santa Ana Valley—Mrs. M. J. Hamilton, Orange.
San Diego—Mrs. E. E. Richardson, Chula Vista.
Bureau of Intelligence—Mrs. Bunyan Spencer, Superintendent, California College, East Oakland.
Publishing Committee—Mrs. B. Spencer, Chairman, California College, East Oakland.
Public Reception Committee—Miss M. A. Ham, Chairman, 1467 Myrtle street, Oakland.
Superintendent of Bands—Miss Minnie Ham, 1457 Myrtle street, Oakland.
State Solicitor for Helping Hand—Mrs. D. Sawtelle, 1816 Ellis street, San Francisco.

MINUTES OF THE

BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CAL.,
Tuesday, June 21, 1893.

The Baptist Education Society of Central and Northern California was called to order by J. L. Lyon, President of the General Baptist Convention of California.

On motion made and seconded, Prof. L. D. Inskeep was elected to serve as Secretary.

Addresses were made by Prof. Bunyan Spencer, Rev. H. G. De Witt, D. D., Rev. S. S. Fisk, Rev. W. T. Jordan, Rev. J. H. Reider, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. H. L. Dietz and Rev. W. C. Houghton.

Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Rev. J. H. Reider and Rev. I. D. Wood were elected to serve on the Board of Managers for the term of three years to fill vacancies made by the expiration of the terms of Prof. J. B. Spencer, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry and Rev. H. B. Hutchins.

Rev. Ray Palmer introduced the following resolution, which, on motion made and seconded, was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Baptist Churches of our Convention that a collection be taken in each church at least once a year for Ministerial Education, and that we give to Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., and his able corps of teachers, our most hearty endorsement and co-operation.

On motion made and seconded, adjourned.

LORENZO D. INSKEEP,
Secretary *pro tem.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D.,
Rev. J. H. Reider,
Rev. J. A. Sturtevant,
C. T. Bidwell,
Rev. W. T. Jordan,
Rev. I. D. Wood,
Prof. L. D. Inskeep,
Dr. Eshleman,
W. R. Gallup.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The *name* of this organization shall be the Baptist Education Society of Central and Northern California.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The *objects* of this Society shall be the fostering of institutions of learning in Central and Northern California, under Baptist auspices, by public meetings, the dissemination of information bearing upon Christian education, the collec-

tion of funds for the prosecution of the work, and for the sustaining of Baptist schools, and for aiding students approved by the Board.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Every Regular Baptist Church in California, north of the southern boundary of Monterey and Tulare counties, shall be entitled to send three delegates; every church in this District having more than one hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

SEC. 2. Any individual may become a member for one year by paying $5 to the Treasurer for this purpose, and a continuous member by the payment of $25. The $25 may be given in partial payments, but no continuous membership shall begin until the whole amount has been paid.

ARTICLE IV.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Managers, consisting of nine members. At the first election three shall be chosen for one year; three for two years, and three for three years. At every succeeding annual election three shall be chosen to fill the vacancies of expired terms.

SEC. 2. This Board, at the earliest convenience after the Annual Convention, shall organize by electing a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary and a Treasurer.

SEC. 3. This Board of Managers shall be the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. Whenever any one is elected a member of the Board of Managers he shall become thereby a member of the Society to the end of his term of office; *provided*, he is not already a continuous member.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The *officers* of the Board of Managers shall be the Officers of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the Officers and the Executive Committee shall be those usually prescribed. Vacancies in the Committee may be filled by the Committee until the next annual meeting thereafter.

ARTICLE VII.—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The Society shall hold an annual meeting in connection with the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California, and shall receive reports from the Trustees of the schools fostered and from the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. At this meeting the Society shall nominate Trustees for all schools fostered.

SEC. 3. At the same meeting the Society shall nominate one or more delegates to the A. B. E. S., according to Art. III, Sec 2, of that Society.

SEC. 4. It shall be the business of this Society to hold meetings annually, in connection with all the Associations in its district, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made.

SEC. 5. Special meetings of the Society may be held at the call of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 6. The Executive Committee shall prepare the programme for all meetings.

ARTICLE VIII—APPROPRIATIONS.

All moneys collected undesignated shall be invested or appropriated as directed by the Board, but designated funds shall be appropriated according to the designation, or shall be returned to the donors.

ARTICLE IX—QUORUM.

A majority of members present at any meeting regularly called, shall constitute a quorum of the Society. A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS.

These rules may be altered, amended or enlarged, at any meeting of the Society regularly called, by a two-thirds vote of those present at said meeting.

Minutes of the Chinese Home Mission Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.,
Wednesday, June 21, 1893.

The Chinese Home Mission Society was called to order by the President, Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., at 9 A. M. The President appointed Rev. Bunyan Spencer, L. B. Harvey and Rev. Ray Palmer to serve as a Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

For President, Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., California College, East Oakland.

For Secretary, Frank H. Chadwick, California College, East Oakland.

For Treasurer, H. Garthwaite, Fairmount Avenue, Oakland.

For Assistant Treasurer, H. T. Hite, Wrights, California.

On motion made and seconded, the above report was received and the persons named were unanimously elected to serve for one year.

On motion made by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., and seconded, it was carried: That a Committee be appointed to formulate expressions of appreciation of the work of Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., so long connected with the Chinese work, not only in San Francisco, but also all over the Pacific Coast. Also to give a statement of conviction due to this work at this time.

The President requested the former Committee to act again. It was then moved, seconded and carried, that the report of this Committee be read before the General Convention. It was afterward so read, and the report will appear in full in the minutes of the Convention.

Reports from the field were then given. Mr. J. L. Lyon and Mrs. G. S. Abbott spoke encouragingly of the Chinese work in Oakland, reporting several conversions. Rev. H. G. De Witt, D. D., spoke in most favorable terms concerning the work of Miss S. Stein and her mother in Fresno, reporting six conversions and a very friendly feeling among the Chinese towards Christianity. Rev. J. H. Reider said: "The Chinese Christians according to their ability, are more liberal by one half than the white Christians."

Rev. Geo. J. Burchett, pastor of the First Church, Seattle, reported during the past year very great difficulties peculiar to that locality, and sixteen conversions.

Rev. Ray Palmer, W. H. Strong, and others, spoke briefly concerning the good work among the Chinese.

Ten dollars paid in at any one time constitutes a person a life member, and $1.00 an annual meeting.

The following named persons having paid in $1.00, are members during the present year: Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D., Rev. J. H. Reider, Mrs. Eshlemann, Rev. W. L. Gaston, Dr. Eshlemann, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., J. L. Lyon, Mrs. P. P. Stewart. Mrs. M. M. Gray, H. E. McCune, Frank H. Chadwick.

Adjourned.

FRANK H. CHADWICK,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE

Pacific Baptist Theological Union

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL., June 21, 1893.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union was held in connection with the General Baptist Convention of California at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz county, California, June 21, 1893.

Mr. J. L. Lyon, President of the Convention, occupied the chair.

On motion made and seconded a Committee was appointed to nominate directors to serve for the ensuing year.

The Committee rendered its report and on motion made and seconded, the report was received and adopted, and the following named persons were declared duly elected to serve as directors for the ensuing year: H. E. McCune, Dixon; H. L. Gear, San Francisco; Rev. Ray Palmer, Stockton; W. R. Strong, Sacramento; Rev. Frank B. Cressey, San Francisco; Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D., Fresno; Rev. C. H. Hobart, Oakland; Rev. J. H. Reider, Sacramento, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, San Francisco; C. F. Baker, Oakland; C. N. Whittemore, Ceres. Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., President of the Faculty of the Seminary, then presented his annual report, as follows:

Mr. President of the Union:—Like Gideon of old and his little band, we can say of our work, "Faint, yet pursuing." The work is important and one that is needed on this Coast. When our Institution shall have been properly endowed and officered by a full corps of teachers in the different departments, it will take its place among and rank equally well, we believe, with other institutions of the same kind. It is not a great work we are doing at present, but the day of small things is not to be despised; for the fruit of a "handful of corn upon the mountain top shall shake like Lebanon." We have not reached the growth of Lebanon yet, but the fruit is maturing.

I have had in my theological classes the past year sixteen different students, including a class taught a part of the year in California College. A number of young men connected with the Institute the year past are looking forward to entering into the ministry, and several are already preaching. This includes a missionary from Alaska, now on his way to India for mission work, and a Congregational young minister, at present supplying a mission in Contra Costa County.

I have also had a class of men and women, averaging between thirty and forty in number, in the church on the Sabbath, to whom I have given instruction in Professor Hovey's work on the Bible, together with my lectures on the books of the Bible and their writers.

In my lectures I make a thorough examination of all the books of the Bible, giving a brief biographical sketch of each writer and an analysis of the topics of each book; when and where written, the doctrines taught, difficult passages examined and explained, etc.

Professor Hovey's work on the Bible, which I have used as a text book with my Sunday class in addition to my lectures, treats on the evidences of the divine origin of the Bible, rules of interpretation, helps to interpretation, difficulties

of Scriptures and how to treat them, ancient history and chronology, geography of the Holy Land, manners and customs of the people, sacred times and seasons, doctrines of the Bible, ordinances of the Church, duties of church members and teaching respecting the world to come. It has been with this Sunday class a regular course of theological instruction.

My theological class proper, the past year, has completed my course of lectures on the books of the Bible and their writers, and nearly finished Dr. Hovey's "Manual of Systematic Theology and Ethics."

This work consists of theology, the existence of God, the decrees of God, the doctrines of angels, good and bad, the work of redemption, including regeneration, conversion, justification, sanctification and perseverance of the saints, the doctrines of the Church, including church polity and the ordinances.

Anthropology, or the Doctrine of Man—The unity of the race, the essential elements of human nature, the origin of the soul, the original state of man, the law of God, the nature of sin—its universality, origin and consequences.

Soteriology—Or the doctrine of salvation through the work of Christ and the Holy Ghost, including the person of Christ; the atonement and the doctrine of election and calling.

Eschatology; or the Doctrine of Final Things—Including physical death, intermediate state, the second coming of Christ, the resurrection, the last judgment and the final state of the righteous and the wicked.

This class also has taken a few chapters in Christian ethics. Papers have been prepared and read by members of my theological class from week to week on important topics connected with the lessons.

The same has also been done by my Sunday class in the church. These in both departments have been both interesting and instructive.

Additions have been made to the Library of the Institution, consisting of the following important works :

Encyclopedia Brittanica, 25 vols.; Thirty Thousand Thoughts, 6 vols.; Schaff and Herzog's Encyclopedia, 4 vols.; American Commentary (Baptist work), 7 vols.; Meyers and Godet's Commentary, 8 vols;; Encyclopedia of Missions, 2 vols.; Homeletic Cyclopedia—Biblical Lights—2 vols.; Historical Lights, 1 vol.; Cyclopedia of Temperance and Prohibition, 1 vol.; The Liquor Problem in All Ages, 1 vol.; Rev. D. Armitage's History of the Baptists, 1 vol; Works of Rev. Emerson Andrews, 4 vols.; Why Four Gospels—Hendre Philosophy, 2 vols.; Moses and His Recent Critics, 1 vol.; Letters From Heaven—Letters From Hell, 2 vols.; Manual of Bible Study, 1 vol.; Manual of Church History, 2 vols.; Mistranslated Passages in Our Bible, 1 vol.; The Bible Verified, 1 vol.; Life and Labors of Rev. Charles Spurgeon, 1 vol.

These have been furnished by Mrs. Gray and myself; the eight volumes of Meyers and Godet's Commentary on the New Testament were donated by Mrs. Laura Baker of Oakland; in all, received 73 volumes.

No debt is allowed to incur upon the Institute. I pay from my salary all expenses for water, rent, repairs, taxes upon property, mortgage taxes on money loaned, insurance, etc.

Tuition in the Theological Department and training classes is free for students desiring to take some of the higher English studies or the classics; arrangements will be made to do so at reduced rates in California College.

Correspondence relating to information respecting the Seminary should be addressed to the President of the Seminary.

E. H. Gray, D. D.

On motion made and seconded, Dr. Gray's report was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes of the Union and the Convention.

This was followed by an address by Rev. J. H. Reider of Sacramento.

Adjourned after prayer.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CAL.,
June 22, 1893.

The newly elected Directors of the Theological Union met at Twin Lakes June 22, 1893.

Present: Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. H. G. De Witt, H. L. Gear, W. R. Strong and Rev. Frank B. Cressey.

Vice-President H. L. Gear of the preceding Board in the Chair.

On motion made and seconded, the Board organized as follows: H. L. Gear, President; Dr. I. S. Ehlemann, Vice-President; Rev. Frank B. Cressey. Recording Secretary; Rev. C. H. Hobart, Corresponding Secretary; C. F. Baker, Treasurer.

On motion made on and seconded, the following named persons were elected to serve as standing Committees for the ensuing year:

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTION.

Revs. Bunyan Spencer, J. Q. A. Henry, J. A. Edgren, D. D.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

H. L. Gear, W. R. Strong, C. F. Baker

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

C. N. Whitmore, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Rev. W. R. Gallup

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. G. DeWitt, D. D., Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Rev. Geo. E. Duncan.

COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARIES.

Rev. Wm. C. Spencer, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. Ray Palmer.

COMMITTEE ON ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. W. T. Jordan, Rev. A. C. Herrick, Rev. S. B. Randall.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Mrs. M. M. Gray, Rev. S. P. Davis.

On motion made and seconded, the first By-Law was so amended as to provide that the officers of the Board shall be officers of the Union.

On motion made and seconded, adjourned.

REV. FRANK B. CRESSEY,
Secretary.

H. L. GEAR,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. F. BAKER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE PACIFIC BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL UNION.

1892.		
June 25—To Balance on Hand per last report.....	$	179 15
" Interest on Investments for the year.....		1,110 32
" To Rent of House for the year.....		326 20
" First Baptist Church, Oakland...		30 00
By Paid per Quarterly Reports of E. H. Gray, D.D.:		

Water		$ 45 40
Taxes		271 78
Insurance		33 00
Repairs		72 70
E. H. Gray, D.D., Salary Account		1,013 64
General Baptist Conv'n, Printing Minutes		15 15
Balance on Hand		194 00
Totals	$1,645 67	$1,645 67
Balance in General Fund	$ 112 20	
" Beneficiary Fund	81 80	
	$ 194 00	

E. O. E. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 20, 1893.

Minutes of the Baptist Historical Society.

TWIN LAKES, CAL., June, 1893.

On account of the absence of the President and Secretary of this Society, no meeting was called. The same officers will hold over until the next year:

Rev. E. B. Hatch, President; H. E. McCune, Vice-President; W. R. Strong, Vice-President; Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

I. This Society shall be called "The Baptist Historical Society of California."

II. The object of this Society shall be—

(1) To collect and preserve documents of interest pertaining to the history of our denomination, past and present, especially in the State of California.

(2) To encourage by such means as may be found practicable an interest in such history.

III. (1) The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing of some Baptist church. The President and Secretary shall make an annual report to the Society.

(2) The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be those usually appertaining to such officers.

(3) The Secretary and Treasurer shall have charge of all documents and moneys belonging to the Society, classifying and filing them duly.

IV. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of 25 cents per annum, and a life member by the payment of $10.00 at any one time.

V. The Society shall hold its annual session at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Convention, at which addresses, essays, etc., may be presented.

MINUTES OF THE

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
Saturday, June 24, 1893.

The Third Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Central and Northern California met in the auditorium of the California Baptist Resort at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz Co., June 24th, 1893, at 2 P. M., with the President, L. D. Inskeep in the chair.

The session opened with a prayer and praise service, led by F. R. Williams of Fresno. In the absence of the Secretary, G. M. Parnell of Sacramento was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The first paper, "Consecration and Consecration Meetings" was written by J. B. Travis and read by E. E. Travis of Tulare.

The President then appointed A. P. Parker, Miss Jessie Featherstone and C. L. Maloon, a Committee on Enrollment, to report at the evening session.

Following prayer by Rev. Geo. B. Ellis of Baker City, Oregon, Rev. W. C. Houghton, of Wheatland, delivered an address on the "Obligation of Young People in Home (State) Missions." This subject was discussed by many of the delegates.

On motion of Rev. W. C. Houghton, and being seconded, a committee of three, consisting of D. J. Davis, J. E. Richards, and Rev. W. L. Gaston, was appointed to confer with Bros. Sunderland and Latourette in regard to the selection and appointment of a missionary to be supported by the Baptist Young People's Union of Central and Northern California.

The reports of the State officers were called for, but the Secretary and Treasurer were absent, and no written reports had been received.

After prayer by Rev. F. S. Lawrence the meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING.

D. J. Davis led the opening praise service. Following this the President read a letter of greeting from Kerr B. Tupper of Denver, Colorado.

An interesting paper on "How to Intensify Our Young People's Interests in Foreign Missions" was read by C. L. Maloon of East Oakland.

On motion made and seconded, a telegram of greeting was sent to the Arkansas Baptist Young People's Convention in session at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Committee on Enrollment reported as follows:

Societies represented, 31; delegates, 58; visitors, 45; Alameda, 2; Berkeley, 2; Baker City, Oregan, 1; Dixon, 1; Fresno, First, 4; Fresno, Emmanuel, 1; Gonzales, 3; Los Gatos, 2; Madera, 2; Mountain View, 1; Napa, 3; Oakland, First, 5; Oakland, Tenth Avenue, 2; Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue, 1; Reedley, 1; Red Bluff, 3; San Jose, First, 3; San Jose, Emmanuel, 1; San Francisco, First, 2; San Francisco, Third, 1; Santa Cruz, 2; Santa Rosa, 2; Sacramento,

First. 2; Sacramento, Calvary, 3; Sacramento, Emmanuel, 1; Tulare, 1; Vallejo, 1; Woodland, 1; Wright's, 1; Wheatland, 1; Everywhere (Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler, Chapel car), 2.

On motion made and seconded the report was adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year followed.

Prof. L. D. Inskeep was unanimously re-elected President; F. C. Heron of Fresno, Vice-President; Miss Minnie Wishon of Tulare, Recording Secretary; Miss Mattie Torson, 2617 Buena Vista avenue, Alameda, Corresponding Secretary, and C. L. Maloon of East Oakland, Treasurer.

Reports from societies and districts followed.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following recommendations, which, on motion made and seconded, was unanimously adopted:

First—That a circular be prepared by the Executive Committee of the Baptist Young People's Union of Central and Northern California, stating in full the necessity of some definite effort being made by our Baptist young people, looking to the support of a home missionary.

Second—That during the intervening period a book, to be called a "Self-Denial Contribution for Home Mission Support," for 25 and 50 cents, be provided and sent to each local society; and the money raised for the object to be sent to the Treasurer of the Baptist Young People's Union, and by him to the Treasurer of the State Home Mission Board.

Third—That the President of the Baptist Young People's Union shall be a member of the Home Mission Board, to manage in conjunction with them this special field.

The Treasurer's report was read by the President.

RECEIPTS.

Special collections	$ 8 50
Gonzales Young People's Society	5 00
S. F. and Alameda B. Y. P. U.	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E. First Baptist Church, San Francisco	10 00
B. Y. P. U. Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E. First Baptist Church, Oakland	10 00
B. Y. P. U. Calvary Church, Sacramento	5 00
B. Y. P. U. Twenty-third Avenue Church, Oakland	5 00
Y. P. S. C. E. Golden Gate Baptist Church, Oakland	5 00
Total	$63 50

EXPENDITURES.

General expense	$ 5 75
Banner to Denver	6 00
General expense	10 00
Printing Minutes of Convention	13 40
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General expense	20 02
Cash on hand	4 83
Total	$63 50

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FRAZIER, Treasurer.

On motion made and seconded the Treasurer's report was received and adopted.

Rev. W. T. Jordan introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to our Baptist Young People's Societies of California the adoption of Rev. Mr. Wynd of Osaka, Japan, as their special mis-

sionary; that we ask each Young People's Society in our churches in Central and Northern California to contribute as generously as they can to the great work of carrying the Gospel to those who are in heathen darkness, and to designate those contributions to the support of Rev. Mr. Wynd.

Pending the adoption of the resolution, it was discussed by Revs. W. T. Jordan and J. Sunderland.

On motion made and seconded the resolution was adopted.

Greetings from H. H. Hildreth were read.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING, June 25, 1893.

At 8:30 A. M. a prayer meeting was held, being led by Rev. S. B. Randall. It was a most inspiring meeting,. Many short, earnest and spiritual testimonies were given.

"Jesus saves; Jesus saves," was adopted as the Convention chorus.

At 10:30 A. M. the delegates and their friends again assembled, and after a short praise service, listened to the following addresses: "The Liberal Bigot," by Rev. W. L. Gaston of Vallejo; "Our Young People and our Publication Society," by Rev. E. T. Whittemore of Berkeley, and "Our Paper,"—*Young People's Union*—by President Inskeep.

Adjourned.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEETING.

After devotional services, papers on the "Theory and Practice of Juniors' and "Music for our Young People's Society," were read by Miss Annabel McDonnell of Berkeley and Miss Esther Wood of Fresno, respectively.

These papers led to an exceedingly interesting discussion participated in by Revs. E. T. Whittemore, F. S. Lawrence, Mrs. Bunyan Spencer, and many others.

"Snap Shots—What's the prospect before you?" Brief, clear, prompt and decisive answers were made by many delegates.

Adjourned, after prayer by the President.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The preliminary praise and prayer service was led by Miss Mattie Torsen of Alameda.

Promptly at 7:30 the President took charge of the meeting.

Reports from Denver followed the singing of the Convention Chorus. The speakers were Revs. F. S. Lawrence, W. H. Latourette and President Inskeep.

A collection for defraying expenses was taken.

"The District Union" was the subject of an address by D. J. Davis. Following this was an address by Prof. Bunyan Spencer entitled, "An Appeal to a Young Man."

Pledges were taken for State work for the coming year; the following amounts were pledged:

Woodland	$10 00
San Jose, First	10 00
Fresno, First	10 00
Oakland, Twenty-Third Avenue	10 00
Sacramento, Calvary	10 00
Tulare	5 00
Fresno, Emmanuel	5 00

The time going rapidly, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for completion.

Five minute speeches were made by Rev. J. Sunderland on "Our Missionary—Mr. Wynd and His Field." By Rev. H. E. Adam, on "Great Need of Work in the Lumber Camps of California." By Rev. E. G. Wheeler, on the "Chapel Car."

All having joined in the model prayer, as a prayer of consecration, the Convention adjourned by the President leading in prayer.

Miss Mattie Torson,
Corresponding Secretary.

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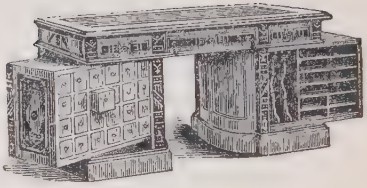

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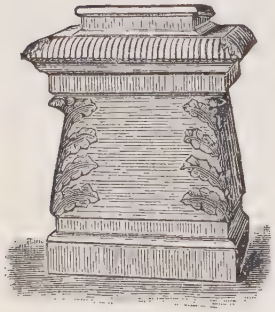

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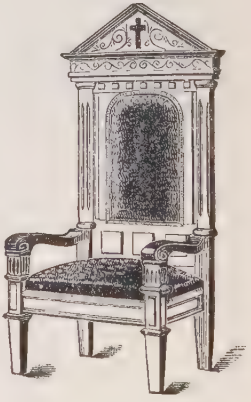

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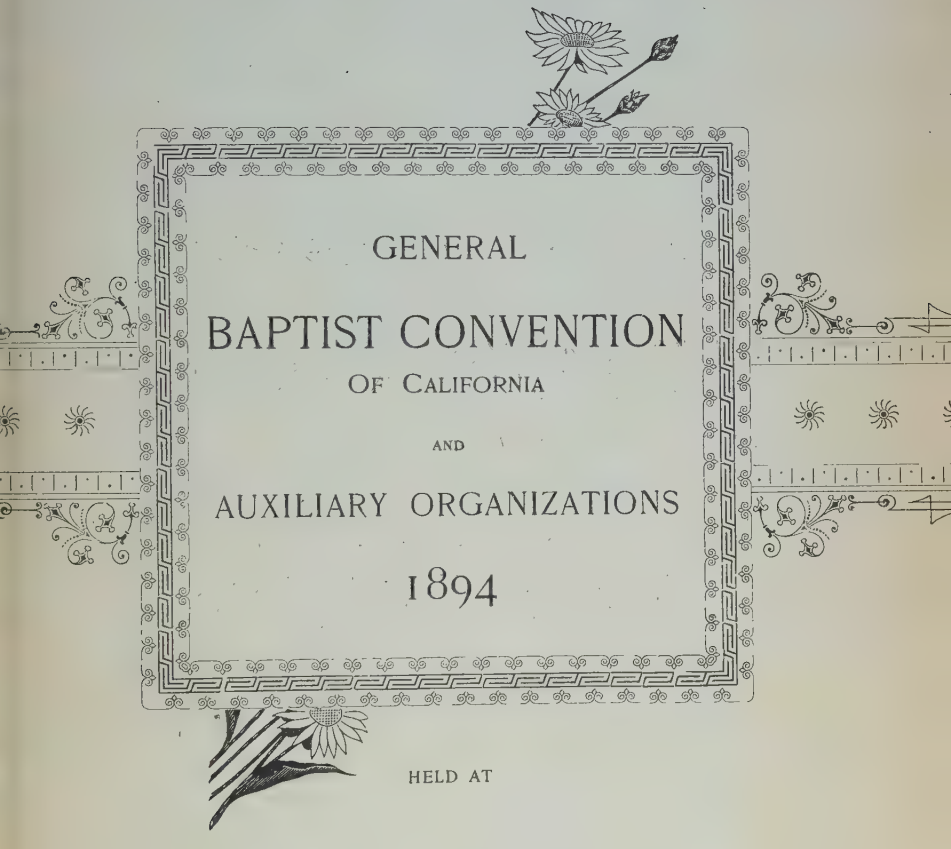

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ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II.—FIELD.

The field of this Convention shall be all that portion of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist Churches, Sunday Schools, Missions at home and abroad, and denominational fellowship and growth.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Convention shall be composed as follows:—

1. Of Life Members. Any member of a regular Baptist church within the bounds of this Convention may become a life member by the payment of $25 within one Convention year.
2. Of Delegates from Regular Baptist Churches, as follows: Each church contributing to its funds within the current Convention year shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members.
3. Of Delegates from Baptist Associations: Each co-operating Association being entitled to send one delegate, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members.
4. Of Heads of Baptist Institutions of Learning and Official Representatives of Denominational Societies residing within the bounds of

the Convention, including one person each from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, and from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California.

ARTICLE V.—Officers.

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, one Vice-President from each co-operating Association, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and eleven Directors, who shall be elected annually, by ballot, and who shall be the Board of Managers. Each co-operating Association may nominate its own Vice-President. No missionary of the Convention shall be a Director or Officer.

ARTICLE VI.—Duties of Officers.

The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board.

Each Vice-President shall be a Committee to co-operate with the Convention in his own Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and Board, take the necessary steps to secure statistics of the churches each year, and, with the co-operation of the Corresponding Secretary, publish an Annual, giving a full report of the work of the Convention, and the statistics of the Denomination within its bounds.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Convention and disburse the same only upon the order of the Board, hold his accounts open for inspection always, make reports to the Board quarterly, and a full report to the Convention annually. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall, at the discretion of the Board, give bonds, with sufficient securities, for the faithful discharge of the same.

ARTICLE VII.—Duties of the Board.

Section 1. The Board of Managers (seven of whom shall constitute a quorum) shall hold all property of the Convention, carry out its plans for co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Publication Society, in support of missionaries and colporteurs, transact all business committed to it by the Convention, and make a full written report at each annual meeting.

Section 2. They shall meet not later than the day of the adjournment of the Convention, and thereafter quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President at the written request of five members.

Section 3. They shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number.

Section 4. They shall appoint from their own number, at their first meeting each year, an Executive Committee of five members who shall be located with reference to facility of meeting together, to whom the Board may commit all business, *ad interim*, and who shall report to the Board quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII.—Committees.

Section 1. The following Committees for the session shall be appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of five persons each, except the last named committee, which shall be nominated from the floor, and consist of one person from each co-operating association, viz.:

1. On Arrangements for the Present Session.
2. On Place and Appointment for the next Annual Meeting.
3. On Important Subjects in the Report of the Board.

4. On Enrollment.
5. On Resolutions.
6. On Sunday Schools.
7. On Religious Literature.
8. On Obituaries.
9. On Nominations of Officers and Directors.

SECTION 2. The following Standing Committees of five persons each shall be appointed by the Convention each year, whose duty it shall be to foster the interests of the societies named, in connection with the official representatives of said Societies, and to present, at each annual meeting of the Convention, a carefully prepared report upon the same, viz.:—

1. The American Baptist Missionary Union.
2. The American Baptist Home Missionary Society.
3. The American Baptist Publication Society.

ARTICLE IX.—ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1.—The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held at such a place as the Convention may determine, on the third Tuesday in June, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., or at such other time as it may direct.

SECTION 2. The President, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary, shall constitute a Committee to prepare a programme for the next annual meeting in consultation with the Presidents of such societies as hold their annual meeting in connection with the Convention.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present; *provided*, one year's notice has been given of the proposed change; or, *provided*, it has been unanimously recommended by the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with appropriate devotional exercises, and all care shall be taken to promote spirituality during the sessions.
2. Articles IV., V., and VIII. of the Constitution and the By-Laws shall be read from the chair at the opening session of the Convention.
3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.
4. All committees shall be nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Convention, unless otherwise ordered.
5. No persons, except the one making the opening address, shall speak longer than five minutes, or more than three times, upon the same motion, without leave from the body.
6. "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the authority in conducting the business of the Convention.
7. The President of the Convention shall have power, upon the written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to change the place and time of the annual meeting.

8. The following shall be the general order of business:
   (1.) The Annual Sermon shall be preached on the first evening of the Convention.
   (2.) The election of officers shall not occur earlier than the forenoon of the third day of the Convention.
9. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF CALIFORNIA.

California College, Highland Park,
East Oakland, California,
May 15th, 1894.

The General Baptist Convention of California met this day in its Thirteenth Annual Session in the Assembly Hall of the California College at 10:30 A. M.

The President, J. L. Lyon, called the Convention to order. The Convention opened with a service of praise and prayer. The prayer was made by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D. The praise service was led by Brother J. B. Travers. The following were sung—"Throw Out the Lifeline," "A Shelter in the Time of Storms," followed by an address from the President, which was very brief, pointed and suitable for the purpose that the Convention met. He spoke on the following points:—

1. That a year had passed since the Convention had last met.
2. During the past year, how have we improved the opportunities that have been presented to us as individuals and churches?
3. The progress that we shall make in this State as a Denomination depends upon how we build for the future.
4. As individual members of Baptist churches, our aim should be to place our denomination upon a higher spiritual plane than that we now occupy, which is our duty and privilege.
5. There should be a stronger fraternal bond of sympathy among the membership of our churches than there now exists.
6. If we are to enjoy a spiritual, profitable convention, there must

needs be much prayer offered for God's blessing and approval upon all that we engage to accomplish as a denomination.

7. Let all the delegates attend every session of the Convention.

8. Last, but not least, our sisters in Christ, God bless them for their valuable services all along the lines of our denominational work.

At the close of the President's remarks, "Come, Thou Almighty King" was sung.

At 11:00 A. M. the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. A. M. Russell, pastor of the Hamilton Square Baptist Church of San Francisco. He read Psalm 68; chose for his text the eleventh verse—the Topic and Theme "The Word is the Thought," and "The Preacher."

On motion made, seconded and carried, Rev. L. T. Bush, of Oakland, was appointed to act as reporter for the daily papers, and to report the transactions of the Convention. After this, the annual collection was taken, and amounted to $8.30.

The President at this point announced the following Committees:—

On Enrollment.—Rev. M. Slaughter and Bros. J. T. Wallace, John Williams.

On Arrangements.—Rev. T. B. Hughes, Bros. J. B. Travers, S. A. Green.

The Convention, after prayer by Rev. Robert Whitaker, on motion made, seconded and carried, adjourned to 2:00 P.M.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Alameda.—Rev. G. R. Read, J. Hilary, J. B. Spencer, E. Hovey, Miss Ida Spencer.

Berkeley.—Rev. Wm. C. Learned, Mrs. Wm. C. Learned, Mrs. G. W. Haight.

Beth Eden, Oakland.—Rev. R. A. McGuinn, Mrs. R. A. McGuinn.

Caspar.—Rev. J. S. Ross.

Calvary, Sacramento.—Rev. J. H. Reidee, W. R. Strong, B. F. Tade, Mrs. W. R. Strong, Mrs. B. F. Tade, Miss Alice Andrews.

Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco.—H. F. Norris, Miss Florence Ford.

Dano-Norwegian, Oakland.—Rev. N. Tychsen.

Dixon.—Rev. W. T. Jordan, H. E. McCune, G. M. Coulter, Mrs. W. T. Jordan.

Emmanuel, San Francisco.—P. D. Code, Mrs. King, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. E. Worth.

Emanuel, San Jose.—Rev. John Barr, Z. L. Orcutt, Miss Marion Orcutt.

Emmanuel, Sacramento.—Geo. M. Purnell.

Emanuel, Fresno.—Revs. H. B. Turner, I. D. Wood, Mrs. H. B. Turner, Miss Jessie Wood, Miss Bessie Wood.

First, Oakland.—Revs. C. H. Hobart, L. T. Bush, Cyrus Dam, H. Garthwaite, O. A. Lane, Mrs. Coggswell.

First Swedish, Oakland.—Rev. A. Sjolander.

First, Sacramento.—W. R. Gallup, D. J. Davis, Mrs. W. R. Gallup, Mrs. J. B. Fountain, Mrs. J. F. Slater.

First, San Francisco.—Revs. J. Q. A. Henry, H. L. Gear, O. C. Pope, Miss Florence Holland.

First Swedish, San Francisco.—Rev. C. M. Nelson, Bro. J. Johnson.

First, San Jose.—Rev. Frank M. Mitchell, H. E. Adams.

First, Santa Cruz.—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Z. A. Goldsby, Mrs. F. S. Lawrence, Mrs. Olive A. Mider, Mrs. Z. N. Goldsby, Mrs. L. C. Pray.

First, Stockton.—Rev. Ray Palmer, E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. Amanda Ralph, Mrs. L. W. Elliott.

German, San Francisco.—Rev. H. L. Dietz.

Golden Gate.—Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Ira A. Aymar, Mrs. M. Case, Mrs. E. A. Young, Mrs. C. F. Davis.

Gonzales.—Rev. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. J. D. Cochran.

Hamilton Square, San Francisco.—Rev. A. M. Russell, David Sawtelle, Abner Walker, Wm. Nuttall, Mrs. Jennings.

Lorin.—W. C. Parkhurst, Mrs. C. G. Aylwin, Mrs. J. Pence.

Los Gatos.—Rev. S. B. Randall, N. E. Beckwith, Mrs. O. D. Livermore.

Madera.—Rev. Z. C. Rush, L. C. West, J. B. Williams.

Middletown, Lake Co.—Levi Lundquist, Caleb Lundquist.

Mountain View.—Rev. E. H. Hayden, Mrs. A. M. Crittenden.

Mendocino City.—Rev. J. S. Ross.

Merced.—Rev. W. R. Connelly.

Morgan Hill.—Rev. C. J. Thompson.

Mount Zion, Sacramento.—Rev. T. F. Smith.

Napa.—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. J. R. Davis.

Palo Alto.—Jas. Stroner.

Penryn.—H. E. Parker, Mrs. H. E. Parker.

Petaluma.—Rev. J. M. Green, D. A. Smith.

Red Bluff.—W. J. Eyles, Mrs. G. C. McCoy, Miss Lena Hamilton.

Redding.—Rev. M. Slaughter, Mrs. Dr. Mitchell.

Salinas.—Revs. E. B. Hatch, G. P. Faw, Arthur Faw.

San Pablo.—Rev. T. B. Hughes, W. Mills, C. G. Mayburn, Mrs. J. Mills.

Santa Clara.—Rev. L. J. Trumbull, Mrs. C. J. Thompson.

San Jose.—Rev. H. E. Adams.

San Jose.—Rev. C. C. X. Laws.

St. Helena.—Rev. M. G. Bradley, Mrs. G. A. Riggins.

Santa Rosa.—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Martin Monsen, Miss Minnie Cozad.

Third, San Francisco.—Rev. G. E. Duncan, Mrs. Ella Joseph, Mrs. R. Averill.

Temple Grove, Wright's.—Rev. W. V. Gray, H. T. Hite, Mrs. W. V. Gray, Miss Lizzie Beecher.

Tulare.—Rev. V. W. Robinson, Mrs. L. M. Kellogg, Miss Minnie Wishon.

Tenth Avenue, Oakland.—Rev. C. M. Hill, F. E. Brougher, Clarence Maloon, Miss Ella Berger, Mrs. Wm. Jess.

Twenty-third Avenue, Oakland.—Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rev. S. B. Morse, Prof. J. T. Wallace, Rev. W. E. Adams, Mrs. C. Thompson.

Ukiah.—Rev. W. A. Lindsay.

Vallejo.—Rev. W. L. Gaston, Mrs. A. White, Miss A. A. Jones.

Vacaville.—H. E. Deakin, Mrs. H. E. Deakin, Mrs. L. C. Keeitch.

Waterford.—Rev. W. R. Connelly.

Willows.—Rev. J. F. Moody, Miss French, Miss L. H. Stone.

Woodland.—Rev. J. G. Pullian, C. T. Bidwell, H. M. Dickinson, Mrs. J. G. Pullian, Mrs. H. M. Dickinson, Miss Emma Austin.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., Rev. Bunyan Spenser, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

The President called the Convention to order at 2:00 P. M. The session was opened by singing "At the Cross," and prayer from Rev. S. B. Randall.

At 2:10 P. M., the Treasurer, C. F. Baker, presented and read his report as Treasurer of the Convention, and on motion made, seconded and carried, it was received.

In his report he offered a resolution, which on motion made, seconded and carried, was referred to the Committee on Important Points.

At this time Rev. W. H. Latourette introduced to the Convention the following brethren: Rev. Geo. P. Faw, Revs. L. J. Trumbull, M. Slaughter, J. L. Cheney, S. S. Fowler, T. F. Smith, L. T. Bush, J. F. Moody, J. S. Ross, Wm. C. Learned, J. M. Green, R. W. Tooms, C. C. X. Laws, J. S. Norvell and F. L. Sullivan. After which the President announced the following Committees:—

On Place and Arrangement.—Revs. S. B. Randall, J. F. Moody, W. H. Latourette, Bros. Z. N. Goldsby, A. M. Rowe.

On Obituaries.—Revs. E. B. Hatch, T. B. Hughes, Bros. W. J. Eyles, Cyrus Dam, E. Klose.

On Resolutions.—Revs. C. J. Thompson, T. F. Smith, G. P. Faw, Bros. G. M. Coulter, J. B. Spencer.

On Important Points.—Revs. C. M. Hill, J. Sunderland, D. D., A. J. Sturtevant, H. B. Turner, John Barr.

On Nomination of Officers.—Revs. G. S. Abbott, D.D., S. B. Morse, D.D., Bro. H. E. McCune.

On Nomination for Directors. — Revs. A. M. Russell, Robert Whitaker, H. L. Gear, H. L. Dietz, Bro. Z. L. Orcutt.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the programme that was prepared by the Executive Committee was adopted as the programme for the Convention, subject to any change that might occur.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was presented to the Convention and read by Rev. B. F. Hudelson, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and referred to the Committee on Important Points.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:—

In submitting this, the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Executive Committee, we make special mention of our profound gratitude to Almighty God for His preserving, directing and blessing hand in all the work of the year.

The life of each member of the Board has been spared, and death has visited the family of but one member of our missionary staff. In the death of our good sister, the wife of our missionary pastor, Rev. N. Tychsen, we feel that earth sustained a loss, more than compensated for, however, in her eternal gain.

We are profoundly grateful to the Home Missionary Society of New York for their undiminished help during this year of financial distress, though the giving of such help involved in part the contracting of a debt of more than $100,000 by the Society.

We are still further grateful for a new manifestation of the Society's deep interest in the work of this Coast. Early in the year the general field under the supervision of District Secretary, Rev. H. C. Wood, D.D., of Colorado, was enlarged to include our State, and a most healthful visit was made by him during the month of November of last year, when profitable missionary conferences of a general nature were held in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Selma. We trust that in the future we shall frequently have the benefit of his official visits to our State.

We gratefully note the work that is being done by the State Baptist Young People's Union. In this organization is being raised up an army loyal to the Bible and all that it teaches, ever ready to give a scriptural reason for the faith they hold. The prayerful and untiring efforts of the State President, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, and State Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mattie Torson, is not without fruitage. In the interests of this organization (Y. P. B. U.) during the year, President John H. Chapman, of the Baptist Young People's Union, officially visited our State, speaking at different important points, greatly encouraging our young people in their work. May his visit be repeated.

We have, as a Board, been greatly helped during the year by the advice in legal matters given by Gear & Gear, of San Francisco, gratuitously, for which we express our gratitude.

During the year, in order to facilitate the business of the Convention in real estate transactions, the Board has filed copies of the articles of incorporation in the counties of Alameda, Santa Clara and Nevada.

Fourteen Executive Committee meetings have been held during the year, and, in following out the instructions of the State Convention of last year, your Committee, at one of its first meetings, apportioned the $5,000 sought to be raised among the churches, and, though the $5,000 desired has not been raised, the collections, nevertheless, have been quite satisfactory, more churches responding than in any previous year. The smaller churches, as a rule, have been the best in meeting their apportionment, and the following churches deserve special mention for having exceeded the amount apportioned them: Emanuel of Fresno, and Caspar. We feel sure that the influence of our work is widening and deepening, and that the policy of this year has been the wisest yet adopted by the Committee.

The co-operation of the State Board with the different associations of the Convention, on the basis of dollar for dollar, and the general establishment and election of Associational Boards to carry into suc-

cessful execution of said plan of co-operation so beautifully brought about by our State Secretary, has been very helpful.

And, in following out the further instructions of the State Convention, to appoint a District Missionary for Northern California, we, after carefully looking over the field and studying the fitness of the men available, unanimously elected Bro. J. A. Norvell as such missionary, commencing his work under the Board January 1st, 1894; the district consisting of "The Eastern," "The Sacramento River," "The Clear Lake," and "The Pacific" Associations, and, in the appointment of Bro. J. S. Norvell, assisted as he is in the field by his most estimable and efficient wife, we feel that we have made no mistake.

The Nevada City property referred to in the report of last year, has passed into the hands of the Board, and is now held free from debt by the Convention. At present the house is occupied by the Salvation Army for a nominal rental, sufficient, however, to keep up the taxes, insurance of $1,000, and repairs. This property is valued at $2,000. There is now under the appointment of the Board four District and one Edifice Missionary, (Rev. N. Hayland, missionary for the Swedes, was under appointment for nine months of the year), to wit: Rev. I. D. Wood, for Central California; Rev. J. S. Norvell, for Northern California; Rev. H. E. Adams, for Humboldt and Mendocino Counties; Rev. J. O. Johnson for the Swedes; and Rev. W. R. Connelly, Edifice Missionary, all doing the most satisfactory work.

Nineteen missionary pastors have labored under the appointment of the Board during the year, serving thirty churches and holding thirty other important missionary points. They have labored 897 weeks, preached 2,569 sermons, held 1,220 prayer-meetings, made 8,154 religious visits, received into the churches 141 by baptism and 184 by letter and on experience. The total membership of the above-mentioned churches being 1,427; the total number of Sunday school pupils 1,600. Our work reaches the colored people, Swedes, Danes, Norwegians, Germans and Americans. Truly of our missionary pastors it can be said: "they serve rather than to be served."

The sum of $9,190.85 has been apportioned to the support of missionaries, and in the amounts as follows:—

Napa, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, 12 months	$183 33
Emanuel, San Jose, Rev. John Barr, 2 months	20 85
Redding and Anderson, Rev. G. W. Donnel, 7 months	233 35
Merced and Out Stations, " " 3 "	175 00
Hanford and Out Stations, Rev. V. W. Robertson, 9 months	275 00
Dano-Norwegian, Rev. N. Tychsen, 12 months	450 00
Madera and Out Stations, Rev. Z. C. Rush, 12 months	200 00
Berkeley, Revs. E. T. Whiteman and Wm. C. Learned, 11 m'ths	275 00
Sanger, Rev. J. N. Lacey, half time, 3 months	37 50
Reedly, " " " " 6 "	62 50
Eureka, Rev. E. T. Sandford, 12 months	325 00
Porterville, Exeter and Visalia, Rev. J. M. French, 8 months	266 66
Beth Eden, Rev. R. A. McGuinn, 12 months	370 00
Mountain View, Rev. E. H. Hayden, half time, 6 months	200 00
Palo Alto, " " " " 3 "	100 00
Emanuel, Sacramento, Rev. S. P. Davis, 12 months	300 00
Hamilton Square, San Francisco, Rev. A. M. Russell, 3 months	75 00
Lakeport and Middletown, Rev. Chas. Haycock, 6 months	100 00
Swedish, San Francisco, Rev. C. N. Nelson, 3 months	125 00
General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, 12 months	1,500 00
District Missionary, Rev. I. D. Wood, 12 months	1,000 00
" " Rev. J. S. Norvell, 3 months	250 00
" " H. E. Adams, 10 months	666 66

Edifice Missionary, Rev. W. R. Connelly, 9 months	$ 600 00
District Missionary, Rev. J. O. Johnson, 12 months	800 00
" " Rev. N. Hayland, 9 months	600 00
Total	$9,190 85

Four churches have become self-supporting during the year, and we have asked for less, and as many becoming self-supporting as in last year, and as many asking less aid, save one. Considering the unparalled financial stringency of the year, we regard this as a very encouraging fact.

Four churches have asked for edifice gifts, and, having complied with all the requirements, their requests were granted, as follows :—

Mountain View	$400 00
Middletown	150 00
Battle Creek	100 00
Emanuel, Sacramento	500 00

And, in addition to the gift, a loan of $300 was made to the Mountain View church. The aggregate value of the above-named property is estimated at $8,600.

Our General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, has been, as ever, prayerfully active, pushing our work with characteristic energy where needed, and carefully guarding our interests, where guarding was required. He has been prayerfully watchful and untiring in his efforts to advance the cause of our Lord, and to secure a firmer denominational footing in our new California fields, having, during the year, visited 73 churches, held 95 public meetings, preached sermons and delivered addresses numbering 108, held 284 official consultations, attended 46 Board and Committee meetings, travelled 15,070 miles, and wrote 1,787 letters and postals; and, we make note of the further fact that, during the four years last past, our State Secretary has by the extra and voluntary labor of the presidency of the California Baptist Resort, and without any remuneration whatever for the same, and without loss of time to the Convention, earned and donated to the Convention more than $1,500 in traveling expenses.

In the matter of the Beth Eden property, held by the Convention, payments aggregating $124.50 have been made by the church during the year, and the church is in a comparatively prosperous condition considering the times.

The property of the Good Hope Church, in Fresno County, consisting of an edifice worth $1,000, and two acres of land worth $100, is in process of being transferred to the Convention—the conditions being that the Convention pay an indebtedness of $350. The reasons of this transfer is the death and removal of the church membership until there are at present less than ten remaining, and they are conveniently nearer our church at Sanger.

We herewith submit the New Constitution, as proposed last year, with some slight emendations. The same having been approved, is unanimously recommended by this Board for adoption by the Convention at the time indicated in the programme for consideration of the same.*

Recognizing the great need for a plan of systematic giving in many of our churches, we herewith submit to this Convention a plan which has been considered and approved by this Board, and ask that it be made a special order at a time to be named by the Convention for the consideration of the same.

* This Constitution having been adopted by the Convention, will be found printed in the front part of these minutes.—O. C. POPE, Recording Sec'y.

PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC CHURCH FINANCE.

The following suggestions and plan for the financial work of our churches is respectfully and earnestly submitted to the churches of Northern and Central California as the most practical, simple and complete known to us. It is believed that its general adoption would greatly facilitate the financial and benevolent work of our churches and largely increase their contributions.

SUGGESTIONS.

1.—The absence of a clearly understood and business-like plan for its financial work is a source of weakness to any church which suffers it.

2.—No church will do as well as it may for missions unless it has in successful operation a good financial plan for raising its "Home Expenses."

3.—The best plan will include all regular expenses of the church in one fund, and provide for that fund by weekly collections.

4.—For gathering offerings for missions, in the large majority of churches, the best practicable plan at present is to set apart a definite period of the year for each object to which the church votes to contribute to, during which period information shall be given and contributions solicited for that object from all persons in the church, Sunday school and congregation.

5.—While not wishing to interfere with systems already adopted and in successful operation in any church, we strongly urge those churches which have no such system to carefully consider the following, and, we trust that, after thoughtful consideration of all the interests involved, the order and periods hereafter described may be adopted by the churches of this Convention generally.

PLAN FOR CHURCH EXPENSES.

1.—Each church should have a good Finance Committee.

2.—Previous to the annual meeting of the church, a careful and itemized estimate shall be made by the Finance Committee of the expenses of the church for the coming year; these expenses to include the pastor's salary, sexton's salary, fuel, lights, repairs, Sunday school supplies, taxes, insurance, music, etc.

3.—The Finance Committee shall make a prompt and complete canvass of the church and congregation, and continue the canvass through the year, as new members come in, asking pledges for weekly payments for the General Fund, out of which shall be paid all regular expenses of the church. These pledges shall hold good until notice of change is given to the Chairman of the Financial Committee.

4.—At the annual meeting the Finance Committee reports the names of all who have made such pledges, with the total amount pledged; also presents the itemized estimate of expenses for the coming year. If pledges are not sufficient, the church can determine whether to make further effort to increase them or to reduce expenses.

5.—Envelopes for weekly payments are provided, in which subscribers are expected to enclose, each week, the amount pledged, and place in the contribution box on Sunday.

6.—Once in three months each subscriber is informed by the Treasurer of the state of his account, also the condition of the Church's treasury. If errors are found, promptly inform the Treasurer of the same.

7.—If sickness or misfortune of any kind make it a hardship for any one to redeem pledges made, a statement of the case to the Finance Committee will receive kind consideration, and they will release part or all of the indebtedness, as the circumstances may justify.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1.—The appointment of each church, at its annual meeting, of a Missionary Committee, who, with the pastor, shall have charge of gathering the offerings for missions of all kinds.

2.—The year is divided into periods of three months each for the consideration of and raising offerings for the following objects, viz.:—

(1).—January, February and March: Foreign Missions; the American Baptist Missionary Union.

(2).—April, May and June: Sunday school, Bible, Chapel-car and Colportage work; the American Baptist Publication Society.

(3).—July, August and September: Ministerial Education and Support of California College.

(4).—October, November and December: State and Home Missions; the General Baptist Convention of California.

3.—A public presentation of each object to be made early in the period devoted to that object.

4.—Contributions to be solicited from every member of the church and congregation for each object by such methods as the Missionary Committee may choose. The canvass should be completed, and the money collected and paid over to the Treasurer of the church in season for him to forward to the proper society before the close of the three months assigned to that object.

5.—It is recommended that envelopes, properly prepared for each object, be given out by the Missionary Committee at the beginning of each period, to each member and friend, with their names written upon them and the date when they should be returned, with the request to "Lay-by" in them as prospered, and to return them at the proper time. Such envelopes will be furnished gratis by the several societies upon an application to the proper officers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OFFERINGS.

1.—Every one, in both Sunday school and Young People's Society, should be trained to aid in paying expenses, and to contribute to missions.

2.—Sunday school expenses are provided for among "Regular Church Expenses." Nevertheless, it is deemed best that the weekly contributions of the school for two months of every three go to the treasury of the church for the "Regular Expenses" of the church.

3.—Missionary contributions to be collected in the school for each mission cause during the first month of the three, in which that cause is considered by the church.

4.—The Treasurer of the school to keep a record of the contributions of each class, and pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Church.

5.—The Young People's Society to contribute to the same objects, and during the same periods, as the church; the contributions to be paid over to the church Treasurer and sent forward as the contributions of the church from the society.

6.—No rules can be made for special contributions. They can only be planned as the church, Young People's Society, or Sunday school may determine or occasions may arise.

THE DUTIES OF THE CHURCH TREASURER

Under this plan, will be as follows:—

1.—To receive all money for the general fund and for missions; to keep an account with each member and subscriber; to send out statements of accounts; to make payments to the pastor and other persons statedly employed by the church, taking their receipts; to pay for

Sunday school supplies upon the order of the Superintendent; and all other claims against the church, upon the order of the Chairman of the Committee or Trustees of the church, and to forward to the proper parties all missionary contributions placed in his hands, preserving receipts therefore.

2.—To make a full statement of his accounts at the annual meeting, itemizing totals received for regular expenses, special expenses, and for each missionary cause, and how disbursed, the number and amount of pledges received from church members for each object, how many have paid in full, how many in part, and the total amount unpaid.

As in the years past, so in this year, has the Woman's Home Mission Society of California been our faithful ally both in missionary and edifice work. They have, during the year, given $469.82.

In view of the fact that our work at the present time is sustained in a large degree by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, of New York, and in view of the further fact that we can and must become self-sustaining as a Convention at the earliest possible date, and in view of the further fact that it is always easier to raise money for the support of missionaries in the field than for the necessary expenses incident to the carrying out of the said work;

Therefore, we recommend that it be the purpose of this Convention to acquire, as it may be able, a fund of not less than $50,000, to be known as the Administration Fund, which shall be a permanent endowment fund, only the interest to be used, and that only for the purpose aforementioned, and that the Board of Directors be and are hereby instructed to carry out the policy looking to that end, as they may be able, and, as a fact, it will be much easier for us to acquire such a fund while receiving liberal assistance from the New York Board; *therefore*, we recommend that the matter be so shaped that we may acquire such a fund at once, and, when the time comes that we are self-sustaining as a Convention, that the endowment fund will be, if possible, sufficient to meet the end for which it has been created.

Whereas, heretofore some of our churches and individual members of some of our churches have been moved to give directly in helping other churches within the Convention district, we would call their attention to the fact that the Board of New York co-operates with our Convention Board upon a basis by which some of these gifts might have doubled—as in the Missionary Fund, or quadrupled—as in the Edifice Department, if they had been made through the Convention Home Mission Board; *therefore*, we would ask our brethren to consider carefully in making their gifts in the future, and strive to put every dollar where it will count for the most.

The condition of the Emmanuel Church of San Francisco, as regards its property, has reached a point where large financial help must soon be extended if their new and commodious edifice is to be saved to them and to the denomination. Having carefully examined into the case, your Committee has found the following facts, viz.: The house and lot cost $32,000 (and is well worth that sum); the debt on the same is $12,000, with interest at $840 per annum. This property is eligibly situated in a section of the city with at least 100,000 people, who have ready access to no other Baptist church. The resident membership of the church is about 100. They represent less than $75,000 worth of property all told. They are utterly unable to pay the debt on their church property. Most of the money for this purpose must come from outside sources. The American Baptist Home Mission Society, after closely investigating the case, have agreed to make an exceptional case

in this instance, and to give $1,000 with the understanding that this Convention do its utmost to supplement this amount; we, therefore, recommend the raising of $1,000 for this purpose, the same to be subject to the usual conditions of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

A financial review of our missionary operations for the year give us the following figures: Our fiscal year has been less than eleven months. During that time the receipts in the Missionary Fund have been $3,313.85. This amount is thirty per cent in excess of the previous year. The apportionments for the missionary work for the twelve months ending March 31, 1894, have been $9,190.85. The resources have been $10,313.85, including $7,000 from the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Thus it will be seen that all expenses have been met, and there remains a balance to apply on the debt with which we began the year. This debt, during the present year, will be gradually extinguished under the plan by which our Convention co-operated with the various associations.

We recommend that, for the year to come, the amount and the plan for raising money be substantially the same as last year.

B. F. HUDELSON,
Rec. Sec. Executive Com.

At the close, the Convention sang "Bringing in the Sheaves, and "Blessed Assurance."

The Committee on Foreign Missions rendered its report, which was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, and, on motion made, seconded and carried, was unanimously received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Foreign Mission Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board, organized early in the year, and, in conference with our diligent and efficient Secretary, Bro. J. Sunderland, D. D., recommended the holding of a missionary conference in San Jose. For several reasons it was not thought best to hold many conferences during the year. Prominent among the reasons were the facts that money was very scarce and traveling expenses would take a large per cent of the income; that the Secretary was necessarily spending a large part of his time in this part of the field, and that the first quarter of the calendar year, (the time that had been assigned by this Convention especially for foreign mission work), was not opportune for conferences. A second meeting of the Committee was held to consider what might be done to forward the work, at which meeting it was decided that it would be well to have special letters sent to the individual churches calling attention to the urgent needs. This work was referred to the District Secretary and the different associational secretaries.

One of the most helpful meetings held in our district during the year was the farewell reception given to the Upcraft party. This occasion was fruitful in the silent consecration of seven of our young people to missionary service, provided the Lord would open the way for their going, and to an effort on the part of the First Church in this city (Oakland) to support brother Openshaw in his work in the foreign fields. The contributions for the year have been as follows:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION FROM NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

ASSOCIATIONS	Churches....	Sunday Schools...	Y. B. P. S....	Individuals..	TOTAL
Central	$ 631 52	$ 64 11	$ 233 58	$ 164 00	$1,093 21
Clear Lake	19 65	.....	5 00	10 60	35 25
Pacific	190 35	5 58	60 75	.....	256 68
Sacramento River	84 05	.....	10 00	.....	94 05
South Central	305 97	20 28	40 60	110 00	455 57
Tulare	77 20	.....	17 45	21 00	135 93
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 10
	$1,308 74	$ 89 97	$ 367 38	$ 305 60	$2,115 79

The contributions for the year in this State has been about 47 per cent what they were last year—the "Centenary Year." The per cent for the whole is 41 3-5; the per cent for the whole territory of the Missionary Union is not quite 50 per cent.

Notwithstanding the conservative plans of the Missionary Union, it is a little over $200,000 in debt. This shows an emergency. We are in much greater need of money than of men for the Foreign Mission Work. Hundreds of men and women are ready to go whom the Union and the Northern Convention are unable to send.

For the sake of emphasis the committee call attention to only two things in conclusion :

1. There is great need of further education along missionary line.
2. The giving should be more systematic and the motive, for Christ's sake, should be kept in the foreground.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Rev. Bunyan Spence, Rev. J. H. Reider,
Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. N. Sjolander,
Rev. W. C. Spence, Bro. C. L. Malon,
Rev. H. L. Gear, Rev. W. T. Jordan,
Rev. S. K. Dexter,
Committee

The Committee on Sunday School Work tendered its report, which, on being read, was on motion made, seconded, and carried, unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee on Sunday School Work submit the following report :—

From the Sunday school news that we have been able to gather from different parts of the State, and from personal observations in our own immediate districts, we have reason to believe that there is an unusual activity in Sunday school work.

That the good seed sown in recent years by our faithful district missionaries in their respective localities, and especially by our Sunday school missionary and his efficient wife, is now beginning to show forth in the organization of many new schools, in the mountain districts, the fertile valleys and the crowded cities, and in the renewed activity of the older and larger schools of the State is a worthy feature of the distinction. Sunday school work, we are glad to note, is the stirring efforts made by many schools to press home the truths brought out by the lesson in such a way as to attract and hold the child then impress the mind, the mind of the needs of Salvation while young. In many schools teachers are making a careful study of this particular thing, realizing how difficult it is to hold and to mould the mind of the boy or girl after they reach an age when the pleasures of the world attract them. Dr. G. S. Abbott is strongly urging this in his Sunday school institutes which he and Mrs. Abbott have held with great profit in many parts of our State.

To members of our weaker schools, the gifts of Sunday school books, bibles and supplies by our Publication Society has come as a great boon and blessing and we believe has been the means to some extent of holding them together, we further believe it is the bounded duty of every school to generously take and use the supplies sent out by our American Baptist Publication Society, also to observe "Children's Day" and "Bible Day" with collections in their behalf.

While we are profoundly grateful to God for His blessings, and for all we have accomplished, we still desire to look forward for greater victories and increased work on this line. That there is a crying need or lack in our Sunday school work we are confident and it is that more *parents* and *church members* should attend the Sunday school.

It is safe to say, not more than one fourth of the church members attend the Sunday school. We believe, if parents would impress upon their grown-up boys and girls that the success of the Sunday school depended upon their regular attendance, backing this up by going in person with them, that the problem of the boys' and girls' salvation would soon be solved, but when parents openly set the example of neglect, how can we expect great results, and yet they wonder why their children are not interested.

Probably no greater or more important work confronts us to-day than the Sunday school, let us then be alive to its interests, Christ's Kingdom demands it, our Baptist interests on this coast for the future lies in the hands of our boys and girls of today.

A half century ago opportunities went by on ox-carts—to-day they go by on telegraph wires. Opportunities of to-day are gone to-morrow, and with them the chance of making a lasting impression for Christ.

F. M. Reidy,
F. S. Dougherty,
Committee.

At 3:30 P. M. a short praise service was held, singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer from Rev. Bunyan Spencer. Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Report of the Committee on California Chinese Missions was presented and read by Bro. H. F. Norris, Superintendent of Chinese Missions on this Coast, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received.

REPORT ON CHINESE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Chinese Missions respectfully submit the following :—

Several changes have taken place among the workers during the past year, H. F. Norris taking the place of Dr. Hartwell, who resigned as General Superintendent and returned to China. H. F. Norris was appointed to succeed Dr. Hartwell on November 1st, 1893, and has been performing the duties of the position since that date.

CHICO.—There has been a change of teachers in this mission, Mrs. Emma Bullard having moved away, and her successor, Mrs. O. J. Lawrence, reports the work as being in an encouraging condition.

FRESNO.—Miss S. E. Stein is still in charge of the school here, and is rejoicing over the conversion of four of her pupils, one of whom has been baptised, and the continual interest of all. The school has grown to such proportions that a helper is very much needed, and, as the Home Mission Society cannot support one, may we not expect that the Fresno Baptists will do so? It can be done at a cost of $15 per month.

LOS GATOS.—Mrs. L. J. Trumbull and her daughter have started a school here. One of the school is earnestly seeking the truth.

OAKLAND.—It is our sad duty to announce the death of Mrs. J. R. Bradway, who was called to her reward in April last year, after a faithful service of fifteen years as a teacher. The work is under the care of her husband, Dr. J. R. Bradway, awaiting the appointment of her successor.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The church and school have maintained the regular worship and work under encouraging conditions. There have been several conversions in the school, and four have been added to the membership of the church by baptism. Rev. Tong Kit Hing has been duly elected pastor since the departure of Dr. Hartwell. The four teachers, Mrs. E. J. Houghton, Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Mrs. H. F. Norris, and Mrs. C. W. Wright, are all under appointment by the Society, and are kept very busy. The work of Miss Martha J. Ames and Miss Florence Ford, who are under the appointment of the Women's Home Mission Society of Chicago, is one of the most important features of the whole work, as they reach that class which but few others are making special effort to instruct.

SACRAMENTO.—This school is still under the management of Miss Eliza Wilsie, and it has been a prosperous year. We have been fortunate in having the assistance of Bro. Chow Wing, who is preparing for the ministry under the guidance of Rev. Tong Kit Hing.

UKIAH.—Miss Clara Lindsay has opened a school here which is under the care of the Ukiah Baptist Church. This is altogether a voluntary work.

VISALIA.—This school, which was at Tulare under the direction of Miss Amanda Egli, was closed in 1893, and in February of this year was moved to Visalia, on account of so many of the members being in Visalia.

While there is always room for improvements, a general review of the field shows that the interests of the workers, and also that of the Chinese, are in nowise abated but rather on the increase; that some new schools are being started by those upon whose hearts the Master lays the burden, and that now the desire of the Chinese to acquire the English language is on the increase, lays upon the local church all the more responsibility for their proper instruction in the truths of the gospel. It is not necessary to cross the Pacific or the Atlantic to find some heathen to whom we can tell the story of Jesus and His redeeming

love. God has apparently waited on us as long as He had planned, and, as we are moving so slowly towards them, He has sent them here to us. Need we ask why? Can there be any other reason than that they may have the gospel preached to them?

W. L. GASTON,
H. F. NORRIS,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on the American Baptist Home Mission Society was presented and read by Rev. Z. C. Rush, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

With profound gratitude, do we, as Christians of the Baptist Churches of California, acknowledge the American Baptist Home Mission Society as a most potent evangelizing agency, honored of God for more than three score years, in carrying the gospel to the destitute portions of North America, and, as this is our acknowledged agency for carrying out our Saviour's great command in our land, and so helping to carry it out in foreign lands, and for building churches in new fields, and for the establishment of schools for the education of the negro, the Indian, and the Chinese among us, we recognize it as our imperative duty to rally to its support with our increased contributions in this its time of great financial pressure.

As this society is our demoninational agency for evangelizing the multitude of foreigners that are among us, who are a menace to the peace of our country, the men who are directing its measures deserve our united sympathy and devout prayers.

Therefore resolved, That we pledge ourselves to increase our contributions to the Home Mission Society and to pray earnestly for the success of its noble workers.

Z. C. RUSH, Chairman,
A. J. STURTEVANT,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on the California Baptist Resort was presented and read by the Secretary of the Resort, Prof. L. D. Inskeep. See minutes of California Baptist Resort for report.

On motion made, seconded and carried, a committee of three was appointed to consult with Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Secretary of the Resort, about the necessary work to be done there. The said Committee as appointed is as follows: P. D. Code, H. E. McCune, Rev. H. L. Gear.

At 4:30 P. M. the report of the Committee on Enrollment was read by Bro. John Williams, of Madera, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and adopted.

After this, the report of the Committee on the questions

of dispute between the First Baptist Church and Emanuel Baptist Church of Fresno, appointed by the Convention at its last session at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz County, was presented, and read by Bro. John H. Stevens, the secretary of the Committee, and on motion made, seconded and carried was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION.

The Committee appointed by the Convention at Twin Lakes, June 22, 1893, to adjust the differences between the First Church and Emanuel Church at Fresno, met at Fresno, September 5, 1893, and organized by the election of W. R. Strong, of Sacramento, as President, and John H. Stevens, of Oakland, as Secretary—J. L. Lyon, of Oakland, and E. F. Joy, of San Francisco, who were appointed on the Committee, not being present. On motion of H. E. McCune, J. T. Latimer, of Oakland, was appointed in the place of E. F. Joy, and John H. Stevens, of Oakland, in the place of J. L. Lyon. The Committee as organized consisted of the following brethren: W. R. Strong, of Sacramento, Chairman; John H. Stevens, of Oakland, Secretary; H. E. McCune, of Dixon, C. N. Whittemore, of Ceres, and J. T. Latimer, of Oakland.

After organization, the Committee proceeded to listen to the representatives of each church, and, after a long hearing and careful consideration of the whole matter, the following resolution was unanimously recommended as a basis of settlement of differences between the two churches.

Resolved, That the Emanuel Church shall remove to a reasonable distance from the First Church as soon as they can obtain a suitable location, and that the First Church and its pastor shall withdraw all opposition to their admission to the Association and Convention.

This was signed by the following brethren, representing the two churches: Rev. I. D. Wood, Rev. H. G. DeWitt, Rev. H. B. Turner, Brethren S. H. Williams, F. J. Haber, J. S. Bedford, R. H. Bramlett, Seymour May, C. G. Sayle, H. C. Warner, and G. R. G. Glenn.

Signed, JOHN H. STEVENS,
Secretary.

After discussion from the delegates present, the recommendation of the Committee that the Emanuel Baptist Church of Fresno be received into the Convention, was on motion made, seconded and carried, unanimously adopted.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Convention adjourned, after prayer from Rev. H. L. Dietz, to meet at 7:45 P. M.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1894. 7.45 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President, J. L. Lyon, and opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," and prayer by Rev. C. M. Hill, after which the Convention

gave way to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the address was read by Mrs. Bunyan Spencer; after which, the Convention was again called to order, and "The American Baptist Union" was taken up, it being the next on the programme—theme: The Present Time; Voice of the Master Concerning the Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

Remarks and addresses from the following brethren on the topics assigned to them were very interesting and instructive:—

1.—As to the Principles that Need Emphasis. Rev. C. M. Hill.
2.—As to Improvement in Methods. Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.
3.—In the Present Emergency in the Work at Home. Prof. Bunyan Spencer.
4.—From the Fields. Rev. Frank M. Mitchell.

After they had finished, time was given for discussion, but was waived, on account of the hour being so late, it being after 9:00 P. M., and on motion made, seconded and carried, the Convention adjourned after prayer from Rev. C. H. Hobart, to meet on the next day, morning.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1894.

The President called the Convention to order at 9:30 A. M., and opened with a praise service, singing "Standing on the Promises of God," and prayer from Rev. W. H. Latourette.

At 9:35 A. M. Rev. J. S. Novell reported about his work in Northern California.

At 9:50 A. M. Rev. C. M. Nelson spoke about his work among the Swedes.

At 10:10 A. M. Rev. I. S. Wood reported on the work in Central California.

At 10:25 A. M. Rev. H. L. Dietz reported on the work among the Germans.

All of the remarks from the above brethren were very encouraging, and gave promise of greater results in the year to come; and, at the close of these reports, the delegates present rose to their feet and sang "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

At 10:40 A. M. The Committee on Important Points made its report, which was read by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

1.—That we are highly gratified that the receipts of the year have been thirty per cent in advance of the preceeding year, notwithstanding the great financial depression, and that the debt to the Home Mission Society has been substantially reduced. This indicates a deepening interest in our Convention work on the part of our churches, and calls for devout gratitude to God.

2.—The results of the year have proved the wisdom of the plan and work of the Executive Committee, in apportioning the amount to be raised among the churches, and in a persistent and systematic effort to raise it. With such modifications of the apportionment as experience will dictate, your Committee recommend its continuance with similar systematic and thorough efforts to reach every church and every member.

3.—Systematic benevolent and financial plans are the essentials to the best working of every church. Some of our churches have such plans, but it would be a long step in advance in our cause in California if the adoption of such plans could be general in our churches. The plan presented by the Executive Committee, (see report of same,) is the most simple, practical and complete with which we are acquainted, and we most heartily recommend its adoption by this Convention, and that suitable steps be taken to bring it before all of our churches as soon as practicable; that it be published in *The Pacific Baptist*, and in a leaflet form; and that a committee of one from each association be appointed to bring the plan promptly to all of our churches for their consideration.

4.—In the matter of the proposed Administration Fund, it is the judgment of your Committee that no other investment pays so well, and compounds interest so often, as that directly and immediately invested in souls. We believe it would be well to receive legacies and special gifts of money and property to be kept as a permanent fund, when the donors so request, but, if available, our judgment is that all funds received be put to immediate use in winning souls to Christ, and enlarging the constituency and intelligence of our churches.

5.—We desire to call earnest attention to that part of the report which refers to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Francisco. We sympathize with that church in its burdens and perils, and we heartily recommend to the denomination any practical plans which the Executive Committee may devise for the saving of the property and our cause in that important part of our chief city.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, REVS. C. M. HILL, J. SUNDERLAND, D. D.
REVS. A. J. STURTEVANT, JOHN BARR,
Committee.

And on motion made, seconded and carried, the report was received and thrown open for discussion. Each point of the report was presented to the Convention separately, and read by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D. When the fourth point came up for discussion, on motion made, seconded and carried,

an amendment was added to it, (it was in reference to the Baptist church at Reno, which church came before the Convention asking for help, so as to be able to keep its property and not have to lose it, and will be given in the Supplementary Report later on.)

Revs. J. M. Helsey, W. T. Jordan, I. D. Wood, M. G. Bradley, E. B. Hatch, Z. C. Rush, H. B. Turner, G. N. Ballentine, B. F. Hudelson and Bro. H. F. Norris took part in the discussion on this report, after which the report was adopted.

At 11:45 A. M. The report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was taken up from the table for discussion, and remarks were made by Revs. C. M. Hill, W. B. Pope, E. B. Hatch, and Bro. B. F. Currier, after which the report was adopted.

At this point of the proceedings, on motion made, seconded and carried, a collection was taken in aid of the Baptist church at Reno. The President appointed Rev. W. T. Jordan to take charge of the collection, and to give it to the pastor of the church, Rev. W. P. Pope. The collection amounted to: Coin, $28.75; subscriptions, $74. Total, $102.75.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, to 1:30 P. M.

At 1:55 P. M. The Convention was called to order by the President, and opened with a praise service, singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Sunshine In My Soul," "Throw Out the Life Line," and prayers from Revs. L. J. Trumbull and Z. C. Rush.

At 2:15 P. M. The Convention resumed its regular routine of business.

The Supplementary Report of the Committee on Important Points was presented to the Convention.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORTANT POINTS.

As to the matters referred to us by the Convention, we report as follows:—

1.—We are in sympathy with our church at Reno in its present effort to pay its debt, and we earnestly commend it to our churches as worthy of their immediate assistance.

2.—As to the Treasurer's suggestion about publishing the minutes of the Convention:

(1st.)—We do not believe that we can afford to dispense with the Annual. The historic matter, the statistics, the standing

such a publication gives us in the denomination, and other things, makes the Annual too important to be dispensed with.

(2d.)—The number printed should not exceed one thousand copies.

(3d.)—The expense should not be anything like what it has been the past year.

(4th.)—Nothing should be allowed to delay the distribution of the Annual beyond sixty days after the adjournment of this body.

(5th.)—The material should be condensed as much as possible.

(6th.)—We recommend that the matter of the publication and distribution of the Annual be under the supervision of the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries of the Convention.

REVS. C. M. HILL, J. SUNDERLAND, D. D.,
REVS. A. J. STURTEVANT, JOHN BARR,
Committee.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report was received and adopted.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report of the Enrollment Committee was received and approved.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Convention adjourned, after prayer.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1894.

At 9.15 A. M. The Convention was called to order by the President.

Owing to a meeting of the Educational Society being in session in one of the rooms in the College, the attendance of the delegates was very light.*

The Convention opened with a praise and prayer service, singing "'My Jesus, I Love Thee," "Revive Us Again," and prayer from Rev. J. H. Reider.

At 9:30 A. M. The Sunday School Report was presented to the Convention, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and adopted, after discussion by the delegates. This report, being a verbal one, it is not inserted in the Minutes.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report of the Committee on Important Points was adopted as a whole.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report of the Board of Directors of the Convention was adopted as a whole.

At 9:45 A. M. The Convention, after singing "Blessed Assurance," on motion made, seconded and carried, gave way to the California Baptist Historical Society. After prayer

* Is it right that these meetings should be in session while the Convention is supposed to be in session for transacting business?—O. C. P., R. S.

from Rev. W. L. Gaston the Convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

At 1:30 P. M. The Convention was called to order by the President, and opened with a prayer from Rev. M. G. Bradley and singing "Glorious Fountain," and then the Convention, on motion made, seconded and carried, granted further time to the Baptist Historical Society.

At 2:25 P. M. The report of the American Baptist Publication Society was presented and read by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., and, after discussion by many of the brethren present, it was on motion made, seconded and carried, received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

It is needless to enlarge at this day on the power of the press. That we have firmly established a religious and denominational press in Philadelphia should be a constant occasion of gratitude. The use of this press by the churches, pastors and superintendents, rightly employed, would greatly augment our power as a people. Milton has said that a good book carries with it the life blood of a master-spirit embalmed and treasured up, in purpose, to a life beyond this life.

This is the instrumentality that reaches further than the pulpit utterance and makes possible the tract of the *Shepherd of Salisbury Plains* accomplish for the eternities more than all the honoring of Charles H. Spurgeon.

If we did nothing else as a denomination than to multiply these leaves, for the healing of the nations, and send out our *Principles as Baptists* to the work, our existence would not have been in vain.

We are glad to notice that the new secretary, Mr. C. H. Barnes, is entering upon a vigorous policy of extension of the publications of our society. It is due to the memory of Dr. Griffith, who has the honor of having built up the work of our publication society on a grand business basis, as well as the unifying of the North and the South on Bible and Sunday school questions, that now we have a publishing society, whose claim is thoroughly national. All honor to his memory. Besides the efficiency of the Chapel Car service the colportage of our society all over the country will be one of its next aggressive movements. There is no grander missionary work done than that of the consecrated colporteurtoiling in sultry valleys and mountain fastnesses. His presence at the fireside of our isolated homesteads is the chief necessity of the present hour. It should not be forgotten that, back of the Young People's Societies, which have so large a share of our present attention, lie the Sunday schools, whose value to the church is ever uppermost. Whatever else you may forget, do not forget my parting words, "*Bible school work is the grandest work of the church.* I have been with you in this work *twelve years.* I have been happy in it, and I carry in my heart thousands of memories of your helpfulness and love."

The work of a Sunday school missionary in each State is left to his wisdom. It is the building up of our denominational interests in the broadest way. It is not confined to the work of planting schools in

waste places, which may bloom but to blossom for a few short hours. For the past twelve years the work of your missionary has been so varied that it is impossible to place it on the plane of statistics, which never did and never will give the truest story of consecrated devotion. From the establishing of a denominational paper, which worked untiringly in the interests of home and foreign missions; denominational education as well as publication society; the planting of denominational and Sunday school literature; the holding of institutes, which have been largely attended; the constant effort for the changing of union into regular Baptist schools; limitless correspondence, which might well occupy the time of one man in this large State in Sunday school interests; the lifting up and toning of discouraged workers, pressing them on from times of weakness to days of strength; also countless letters on all denominational matters; this, and more than this, has fallen to the lot of your missionary.

The one piece of work which he hoped to have seen accomplished was the carrying out of the Resolution on "*Systematic Benevolence*" in Minutes of 1893, pp. 35 and 39. A part of the work of last year is as follows: Bibles and testaments were given to twenty-seven churches in different parts of the State, and numberless smaller donations to individuals, inclusive of "Our Young People." Tracts to the value of one dollar and more have been sent, as in the past, to numerous pastors and superintendents. Grants of supplies have been obtained for six new schools. Assistance has been rendered in the formation of the following schools: Calvary, Oakland, Hueneme, Carpenteria, Mendocino, San Jacinto and Elmhurst.

Two institutes have been held by the Sacramento River Associations, one in the Spring at Red Bluff, the other in the Fall at Redding. I had hoped to see Sunday school conventions held by committees appointed by each Association in the State, also to see mission Baptist schools planted more numerously in all the larger places.

I am, respectfully yours,

GRANVILLE S. ABBOTT, D. D.,
Sunday School Missionary of American Baptist Publication Society.

By request of the Convention, Rev. H. W. Brayton, District Superintendent of Children's Home Society, addressed the Convention. He spoke about the work, plans and aims of the Society, its object, and what good it had already accomplished.

The Committee on Obituaries tendered its report, the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. E. B. Hatch, not being present, and, at his request, the Secretary of the Convention, O. C. Pope, read it for him.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report was received and adopted.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

It is with sorrow that we call the roll of the departed worthies, to find that, during the year, several of our churches have been bereaved of some of their noblest and most efficient workers.

* This report is very incomplete. Will the churches send the list of those who have gained their reward, to the Recording Secretary of the Convention next year, so that none will be left out.

Therefore, in sorrow, with sympathy extended to the church and relatives of the deceased, we pause to record on the pages of Baptist History, as a last tribute to sainted memories, the names of the following departed :—

INTO THE LIGHT.

First Church, Oakland—MRS. J. R. BRADWAY.

Twenty-third Avenue Church, Oakland—MRS. JOHN RUSH.

Dano-Norwegian Church, Oakland—MRS. N. TYCHSEN.

Golden Gate, Oakland—DR. G. B. DAVIS.
A constituent member.

Alameda Church, Alameda—MRS. S. A. TAFT.

Hamilton Square Church, S. F.—REV. F. W. SCHALIKE.

" " " " —BRO. — HADDAM.

First Church, San Jose—MRS. MARY A. DREW.

" " " " —MRS. FARLEY.

" " " " —MRS. GAGE.

" " " " —MRS. FREEMAN.

Santa Clara Church, Santa Clara—BRO. — DAGGETT.

Los Gatos Church, Los Gatos—A. L. ISHAM.

Emanuel Church, Sacramento—MISS MIRA STALKER.

Ukiah Church, Ukiah—DEACON SAMUEL ORR.

" " " —VAN CLEAVELAND.

REV. E. B. HATCH,
REV. T. B. HUGHES,
Committee.

This report was adopted by a standing vote, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.

The report of the Committee on Time and Place reported through its Chairman, Z. N. Goldsby, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

General Baptist Convention of California:

Your Committee on Time and Place and Preacher for the next meeting of your body, respectfully report that Rev. W. V. Gray, of the Temple Grove Baptist Church, Wright's, preach the Convention sermon, with Rev. C. M. Hill, of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, East Oakland, as alternate, and that the Convention meet at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz County, on the last Tuesday of June, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. N. GOLDSBY, W. H. LATOURETTE,
S. B. RANDALL, J. F. MOODY,
A. M. ROWE,
Committee.

Dated May 16, 1894.

On motion made, seconded and carried, a committee of seven were chosen to introduce the Plan of Systematic Benevolence and Finances, (see report of Executive Committee,) to the different churches in a proper form, and after remarks from many of the brethren, the Committee was chosen, and is as follows: Rev. J. F. Moody, Chairman; Revs. T. R. Bowles, F. S. Lawrence, S. S. Fisk, Revs. C. M. Hill, M. Slaughter, Bro. Frank Kelly.

On motion made, seconded and carried, adjourned after prayer from Rev. A. M. Russell.

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 1894.

At 9:30 A. M. The Convention was called to order by the President, and opened with a praise service and prayer from Rev. W. T. Jordan.

The New Constitution was read by the Secretary of the Convention, O. C. Pope. After discussion from almost all of the delegates present at the reading, it was laid before the Convention for adoption. The question was raised as to the meaning of Article VIII of the Constitution, *i. e.*, as to the meaning of the words "three-fourths of the delegates present." The President ruled that it meant three-fourths of the delegates present in the Convention at the time of reading; there was an appeal made against this decision, and, on being left to the Convention to decide, a rising vote was called for, with the result that twenty-eight delegates voted to sustain the

ruling of the chair, and three delegates voted in the negative. And the President then declared that his ruling was sustained and carried.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the following was adopted: That we do now adopt the New Constitution as a substitute for the Old Constitution, and we hereby repeal the Old and adopt the New Constitution.

One of the minority, Rev. J. G. Pullian, asked for permission to have his vote placed on record, with his reasons for such, and on motion made, seconded and carried, it was granted, and is as follows :—

"I vote against the motion, as, in my interpretation of Article VIII, to mean three-fourths of all members present at the annual meeting, and not three-fourths of those present in the hall, as ruled by the chair, and sustained by the body.

Signed, J. G. PULLIAN."

At 10:30 A. M. *The Pacific Baptist* was granted a hearing through its field editor, Rev. F. L. Sullivan. Many of the delegates spoke in high terms of the paper, and urged upon all the delegates to bring it before their churches on their return to their homes, so as to raise up more subscribers for it.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented its report, and on motion made, seconded and carried, the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1.—*Resolved*, That we welcome the coming of the National Children's Home Society to Northern and Central California, and its representative, Rev. H. W. Brayton, of San Jose, and will co-operate, as we may be able, in this noble work of finding family homes for homeless children.

2.—*Resolved*, That, as members in the denomination which was first to uphold liberty of conscience and separation of church and state, we put ourselves on record as utterly opposed to any attempt to secularize the public schools, and to control our government in the interests of a foreign hierarchy, we believe in upholding American schools, American ideas, and American labor, and opposing the un-American saloon and the liquor traffic, and also the power of a foreign pontiff and a wily Jesuitism by our prayers, our efforts, and our votes.

3.—*Resolved*, That we express our thanks to the railroad company for granting reduced rates, also to the Trustees of California College for the use of the College buildings, and to the Baptists of Oakland for their kind entertainment.

4.—*Resolved*, That we commend most highly the liberality and intense missionary zeal of the Swedish Missionary Society of our State,

especially in that, though the society numbers only 125 in its membership, yet they gave last year to the funds of our Convention at least $700.

5.—*That, whereas*, we have learned that our beloved brother, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., has tendered his resignation as the representative of the American Baptist Publication Society in this State; *Therefore, resolved*, That we express to Dr. Abbott our high sense of and appreciation of his very valuable services, rendered through so many years, as pastor, editor, and Sunday school missionary, and in ways innumerable to our Baptist cause in California. His high Christian character and brotherly spirit, as well as his eminent services, have greatly endeared him to us. We deeply sympathize with him in the failure of his health, and we assure him that our esteem and our love shall abide with him, and our prayers will follow him for his speedy recovery to health, and that, if it be the Lord's will, he may yet be spared to render many more years of service to the Master's cause in California.

REV. C. J. THOMPSON,
REVS. F. F. SMITH, G. P. FAW,
BROS. G. M. COULTER, J. B. SPENCER,
Committee.

The Committee on Nominations made its report as follows:—

President—J. L. Lyon.
Vice-Presidents—Z. N. Goldsby, Rev. J. F. Moody, Rev. W. T. Jordan, Rev. A. M. Russell, Rev. T. R. Bowles, Rev. J. S. Ross.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. W. H. Latourette.
Recording Secretary—O. C. Pope.
Treasurer—C. F. Baker.
Auditor—W. R. Gallup.
Board of Directors—Revs. J. F. Moody, S. S. Fisk, T. R. Bowles, A. Sjolander, C. M. Hill, H. L. Gear, B. F. Hudelson, J. Q. A. Henry, F. S. Lawrence, Bros. H. E. McCune, Frank Kelly.

Signed, A. M. RUSSELL, G. S. ABBOTT,
S. B. MORSE, H. E. MCCUNE,
ROBERT WHITAKER,
Committee.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, made, seconded and carried, the Secretary of the Convention was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the above named officers, which he did, and the President declared them elected to serve as officers of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion made, seconded and carried, the Convention, after prayer, adjourned to meet at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz County, on the last Tuesday in June, 1895.

J. L. LYON, O. C. POPE,
President, Recording Secretary,
General Baptist Convention of California.

REPORT OF TREASURER, GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA, 1893–1894.

June 20,	To Balance per last Report	$1,010 38	.....
	By Overcredits to Caruthers, '92-93	.....	$ 13 00
	To Receipts, per list herewith	3,660 21	.....
	By Statistical Secretary	.....	10 05
	By Secretary Exe. Com., Warrant No. 1	.....	2 50
	" " " No. 2	.....	2 00
	" " " No. 3	.....	58 36
	" " " No. 4	.....	12 00
	" " " No. 5A	.....	2 50
	" " " No. 5B	.....	9 90
	" " " No. 7	.....	14 75
	" " " No. 8	.....	5 75
	" " " No. 9	.....	325 00
	" " " No. 10	.....	41 50
	" " " No. 11	.....	26 00
	" " " No. 12	.....	2 50
	" " " No. 13	.....	18 00
	" " " No. 14	.....	3 90
	" " " No. 15	.....	5 15
	" " " No. 16	.....	3 00
	By Remitan's to New York, $125, $875, $200	.....	1,200 00
	By Paid Missionaries, per list herewith	.....	1,920 38
	To Amt. returned on Acct. Warrant No. 11	3 40	.....
	Balance	.....	997 75
		$4,673 99	$4,673 99

E. and O. E. San Francisco, May 15, 1894.

Signed, C. F. BAKER, Treasurer.

PAYMENTS TO MISSIONARIES, 1893–1894.

W. H. Latourette	$ 608 08
I. D. Wood	259 50
N. Hayland	371 00
W. R. Connelly	207 00
G. W. Donnel	11 00
H. E. Adams—from Fort Bragg, $48.00; from General Collection, $55.80	103 80
Z. C. Rush	30 00
J. O. Johnson	200 00
C. M. Nelson	5 00
J. S. Norvell	105 00
E. T. Sandford	20 00
	$1,920 38

RECEIPTS.

General Baptist Convention of California, 1893-1894.

Church.	Missionary Fund.	Church Fund.
Alameda	$ 70 00	
" Sunday School Harvest Home	7 00	
Anderson	10 00	
" Sunday School Harvest Home	1 40	
Armona	5 00	
Atwater	6 90	
Auburn	10 00	
Berkeley	21 00	
Caruthers	3 30	
" Sunday School	3 50	
Caspar	13 00	
Ceres	4 00	
Chico	17 75	
" Sunday School Birthday Box	5 79	
" Male Mission Band	6 90	
Dixon	40 20	$ 22 00
Exeter	13 00	
Eureka	25 00	
" Sunday School		3 00
Fort Bragg (see Payments to Missionaries)		
Fresno, First	9 82	
" Emmanuel	82 00	
Gonzales	32 45	
" Sunday School		8 00
Hanford	1 35	
Healdsburg	10 00	
" Sunday School		2 85
Lakeport	10 00	
Lavina	4 30	
Lemoore	26 50	
Los Gatos	45 25	
" Sunday School Harvest Home	5 00	
" Y. P. S. C. E.	1 65	
" Junior S. C. E.	0 40	
Madera	24 00	
" Sunday School	6 00	
Malaga	4 00	
Mendocino	5 00	
Middletown	1 50	
Modesto Sunday School	5 75	
Mountain View	24 22	
Napa	25 35	
Oakland, First	175 00	
" " Sunday School Harvest Home	13 05	
" " Y. P. S. C. E.	8 00	
" Tenth Avenue	30 00	
" Twenty-third Avenue	54 60	5 56
" " " " Sunday School Harvest Home	7 15	
" Beth Eden	13 00	124 50
" Golden Gate	6 50	
" Lorin	9 00	
" Dano-Norwegian	20 00	

Church.	Missionary Fund.	Church Fund.
Oak Valley Swedish Sunday School	$1 50	.....
Paso Robles	2 00	.....
Penryn	20 00	.....
Petaluma	.....	2 00
Polasky	1 50	.....
Red Bluff	13 60	.....
" Sunday School	8 60	.....
" Bright Jewels	4 00	.....
Redding, Sunday School Harvest Home	2 00	.....
Reedley	2 50	.....
Reno	11 00	.....
Sacramento, First	12 20	.....
" Calvary	40 00	.....
" " Sunday School Harvest Home	10 05	.....
" Emmanuel	37 50	125 00
San Francisco, First	200 70	.....
" " Sunday School Harvest Home	4 45	.....
" Third	1 00	.....
" " Sunday School	12 85	.....
" Emmanuel	9 60	.....
" Hamilton Square	38 30	.....
" First Swedish	17 00	.....
St. Helena	6 29	5 00
San Jose, First	49 80	.....
" Emmanuel	45 10	.....
San Lucas	8 00	.....
Santa Clara, Sunday School	3 00	.....
Santa Cruz, First	45 00	.....
" Second	5 00	.....
Santa Rosa, Sunday School Harvest Home	12 00	.....
" Y. P. Society	2 15	.....
Selma	44 00	.....
" Sunday School Harvest Home	5 00	.....
Sonora	1 00	.....
Stockton	90 00	.....
Tulare	11 00	.....
Vacaville	5 00	.....
Vallejo	35 00	.....
" Sunday School Harvest Home	4 00	.....
Visalia	10 00	.....
Waterford	5 00	.....
Wheatland	11 15	.....
Willows	22 00	25 00
Winters	3 85	.....
Temple Grove, Wright's	8 00	.....
Woodland	22 35	.....
Total from Churches and Schools	$1,828 80	$322 91
Collections—H. E. Adams	123 80	.....
" W. R. Connolly	205 75	.....
" J. S. Norvell	116 00	.....
" At Convention	14 65	.....
" Central Association	1 05	.....
" Pacific Association	.....	3 00
" Tulare Association	6 00	.....
Sale of Cart by I. D. Wood	12 50	.....

Church.	Missionary Fund.	Church Fund.
Swedish Missionary Society of California	471 00	.....
Woman's Baptist Home Missionary Soc. of Cal.	470 27	.....
Account of Minutes—Chinese Miss'ry Soc. of Cal.	2 75	.....
" " Pac. Baptist Theol. Union	11 00	.....
" " Woman's Bap. H. M. Soc., on account	20 00	.....
" " Advertising	28 50	.....
Individual Contributions—Mrs. E. C. Dallas	5 00	.....
" " Mrs. L. A. Dunn	2 00	.....
" " W. D. Ewer	2 50	.....
" " M. S. Featherstone	2 00	.....
" " W. P. Haber	5 00	.....
" " S. B. Hunkins	5 00	.....
" " D. Pinkston	1 00	.....
	$3,334 30	$325 91

RECAPITULATIONS.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance Forward, last Report	$ 697 18	.....
Receipts for Year	3,334 30	.....
Disbursements	.....	3,408 33
Balance Forward	.....	623 15
	$4,031 48	$4,031 48

CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

Balance Forward, last year	$ 313 20	.....
Receipts for Year	329 31	.....
Disbursements	.....	267 91
Balance Forward	.....	374 60
	$642 51	$642 51

Examined and approved as correct.

Signed, C. T. BIDWELL,
Auditor.

Oakland, May 16th, 1894.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
General Baptist Convention of California	J. L. Lyon, 1250 Broadway, Oakland	Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Oakland Recording Sec'y, O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine Street, San Francisco	C. F. Baker, 322 Pine Street, San Francisco.
Central Baptist Association	B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough Street, San Francisco	Rev. Ray Palmer, 206 Lindsay Street, Stockton	J. R. Brongher, Tenth Avenue, Oakland.
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev. S. L. Sanford, Ukiah	Rev. C. L. Fisher, Westport	R. P. White, Upper Lake.
Eastern Baptist Association	Rev. L. E. Henderson, Lakeview, Oregon	Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. H. Smith, Pine Creek, Oregon. Recording Secretary, Rev. J. B. Griffiths, Olene, Oregon	D. H. Hartzog.
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Napa	Rev. W. T. Jordan, Dixon	G. M. Coulter, Dixon.
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev. F. N. Baker, Maxwell	F. M. Reed, Anderson	A. E. Duncan, Willows.
South Central Baptist Association	Z. N. Goldsby, Santa Cruz	Mrs. Ida May Carpenter, San Jose	H. T. Hite, Wright's.
Tulare Baptist Association	Rev. T. R. Bowles, Selma	William Harvey, Fresno	W. A. Dunham, Selma.
Western Baptist Association	Rev. C. H. Anderson, 2928 E. First Street, Los Angeles	Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. C. C. X. Laws, San Jose Recording Sec'y, A. J. Roberts, Los Angeles	Rev. M. Stephens, Bakersfield.
Baptist Educational Society of California	Prof. L. D. Inskeep, 1020 E. Thirtieth Street, Oakland	Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Napa	
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society	Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley Street, San Francisco	Corresponding Sec't'y, Mrs. L. P. Baker, P. O. Box 504, Oakland Recording Sec'y, Miss Ida Spencer, 2524 San Jose Ave., Alameda	Mrs. E. F. Joy, 207 Fell St., S. F.
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society	Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Highland Park, East Oakland	Frank H. Chadwick, Highland Park, E. Oakland	H. Garthwaite, Oakland.
Baptist Historical Society of California	John F. Pope, 2723 Pine Street, San Francisco	O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine Street, San Francisco	O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine Street, San Francisco.
Pacific Baptist Theological Union	H. L. Gear, 211 Sansome Street, San Francisco	Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Napa	C. F. Baker, 322 Pine Street, San Francisco.
Baptist Young People's State Union of California	C. F. Baker, 322 Pine Street, San Francisco	Corresponding Sec'y, G. M. Purnell, Sacramento Recording Secretary, Miss May Adams, San Jose	Frank L. Moss, San Francisco.
California Baptist Resort		Prof. L. D. Inskeep, 1050 East Thirtieth Street, Oakland	

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Number of Churches.	MEMBERSHIP.					PROPERTY.				
		Baptised during the Year.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Net Gain.	Present Membership.	Valuation of Meeting House.	Valuation of Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	Improvement During the Year.	Seating Capacity.
Central	30	256	569	455	114	3,818	$271,700 00	$3,500 00	$26,136 88	$5,744 65	3,574
Clear Lake	12	26	42	32	10	458	1,000 00		56 00		
Eastern	12	12	17	48		203					
Pacific	16	103	191	131	60	1,262	62,600 00	5,050 00	2,440 00	7,296 67	2,000
Sacramento River	17	131	183	57	126	913	17,900 00	700 00	1,440 00	1,377 75	1 210
South Central	16	116	231	88	143	1,216	65,850 00	2,000 00	2,550 00	2,412 50	2,170
Tulare	21	161	485	124	361	1,084	11,940 00	1,000 00	110 00	482 00	1,500
*Western	5	14	25	1	24	117					
Unassociated Churches	6	11	39			42					
Totals	135	830	1,782	936	838	9,113	$430,990 00	$12,250 00	$32,732 88	$17,313 57	10,454

* This is the number of Churches in the Western Association in Northern and Central California. This Association takes in the whole State, and has a total of eleven Churches.

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TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	WORSHIP.		BENEVOLENCES.									
	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expense Annually.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	City Missions.	State Missions.	California Chinese Missions.	A. B. Pub. Society. Gen'l Dept.	A. B. Pub. Society. Bible Dep't.	Education.	Church Building.	Other Benevolences.
Central	$17,954 85	$13,738 68	$1,745 13	$811 15	$625 50	$700 05	$5 00	$147 30	$81 00	$210 52	$3,031 77	$764 50
Clear Lake				67 50								1,385 50
Eastern		255 00										
Pacific	6,197 50	6,004 18	530 50	5 46		16 00	7 50	61 90	29 05	372 60	4,245 00	935 41
Sacramento River	2,500 00	1,144 60	140 80	356 65		157 75					17 00	60 65
South Central	4,369 41	5,257 40	619 11	306 50				8 05	12 85	15 40	25 00	102 72
Tulare	2,500 00	3,423 05	373 10	363 10	40 00	7 00		7 00		50 00		516 50
*Western												
Unassociated Charities		71 34										60 00
Totals	$33,521 76	$29,894 25	$3,408 64	$1,910 36	$665 50	$880 80	$12 50	$224 25	$122 90	$648 52	$7,318 77	$3,825 28

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SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

ASSOCIATIONS	Number of School	Enrolled		Average Attendance	Baptized during the Year	Volumes in Library	Value of Library	Annual Expense of School	CONTRIBUTIONS									Y.P.B.U.	
		Officers and Teachers	Pupils						Higher Education	A. B. Home Missionary Society	City Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	California Chinese Missions	A. B. Pub. Society General Department	A. B. Pub. Society Bible Department	Church Building	Number	Membership
Central	34	383	3474	2176	96	3607	$1879 00	$2134 02	.....	$40 45	$18 60	$7 00	$33 01	$124 50	$37 80	$30 10	$67 91	21	712
Clear Lake	1	2	25	20	.....	20	10 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific	10	86	645	498	40	585	150 00	576 00	.....	3 40	.....	.....	7 35	.....	13 00	29 05	4 00	9	238
Sacramento River	5	37	133	214	9	50	14 00	129 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	59
South Central	15	152	676	710	43	792	.....	577 20	.....	20 90	.....	.....	62	.....	3 25	9 60	15 50	8	196
Tulare	8	58	493	310	12	84	69 00	189 60	.....	5 00	15 00	7 00	.....	25 00	7 00	.....	.....	5	103
Western	4	21	113	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Un-Associated Churches	3	16	87	67	2	72	.....	30 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	80	755	5646	4095	202	5210	$2122 00	$3647 89	.....	$69 75	$33 60	$14 00	$40 98	$149 50	$61 05	$68 75	$87 41	46	1308

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY—CONTINUED.

* Not engaged in Ministerial Work.

MISSIONARIES.

General Missionary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Oakland
Missionary for Central California.....I. D. Wood, Fresno
Missionary for Northern California.....Rev. J. S. Newell, Oakland
Missionary for California.....Rev. J. Sutherland, D. D., Oakland

MISSIONARY PASTORS.

H. E. Adams.....Humboldt and Western Mendocino Counties
A. J. Sturtevant.....Napa
E. T. Sandford.....Eureka
C. W. Haycock.....Lakeport and Middletown
R. A. McGuinn.....Beth Eden, of Oakland
Wm. C. Learned.....Berkeley
N. Tychsen.....Danish-Norwegian, of Oakland
J. O. Johnson...Swedes of Santa Clara, Mendocino & Humboldt Counties
C. M. Nelson.....Swedes, San Francisco
Z. G. Rush.....Madera
James E. Beach.....Auburn and Penryn
A. M. Russell.....San Francisco
S. C. Keetch.....Vacaville

TO THE CHINESE.

H. F. Norris.....San Francisco
Mrs. H. F. Norris.....“
Mrs. C. W. Wright.....“
Mrs. A. J. Thompson.....“
Mrs. E. J. Houghton.....938 Pacific Street, San Francisco
Miss Martha J. Ames.....San Francisco
Miss A. Florence Ford.....256 E. Sixteenth Street, East Oakland
Rev. Tong Kit Hing.....915 Clay Street, San Francisco
Mrs. O. J. Lawrence.....Chico
Miss Eliza Wilsie.....907 Fifth Street, Sacramento
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno
Mrs. Amanda Egli.....Tulare

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

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Norvell, J. S.....Alameda
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Palmer, George H.....Stockton
Palmer, Ray.....Stockton
Paterson, F. M.....Fort Bragg
Pegg, I. B.....
Pope, W. B.....Reno, Nevada
Prior, J. T.....Jonesville
Pullian, J. G.....Woodland
Prunk, G. E.....Healdsburg
Randall, S. B.....Los Gatos
*Randolph, Thomas E.....Marysville
Read, George R.....Alameda
Randolph, Thos.....San Francisco
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Reider, J. H.....Sacramento
*Reynolds, G. W.....Bieber
*Rice, Eli.....Lake City
*Ringo, S. A.....San Francisco
Robinson, V. W.....Hanford
Roddan, D. F.....Wheatland
Ross, J. S.....Caspar
*Runnels, G. W.....Lake City
Russell, A. M.....San Francisco
Rush, Z. C.....Madera
Sandford, E. T.....Eureka
Sanford, S. L.....Ukiah
Saxton, J. B., D. D.....Vacaville
*Sawyer, M. K.....Little Lake
Sjolander, A.....Oakland

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Smith, Alanson D.....Fresno
Smith, T. F.....Sacramento
Spencer, Bunyan.....East Oakland
Spencer, William C.....Alameda
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O. C. POPE,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF CALIFORNIA.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE, HIGHLAND PARK,
EAST OAKLAND, May 15, 1894.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Baptist Convention of California was held on May 15, 1894, at the California College. Present: J. L. Lyons, President; H. L. Gear, H. E. McCune, Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Rev. W. H. Latourette, and O. C. Pope, ex-officio Secretary.

The meeting was called to order, with the President of the Board in the chair.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was presented to the Directors, and read by Rev. B. F. Hudelson, Secretary of the Executive Committee, and on motion made, seconded and carried, was received and adopted as the report of the Board of the Directors of the Convention to the Convention.

No more business coming before the Board, on motion made, seconded and carried, adjourned.

O. C. POPE,
Ex-officio Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

OAKLAND, May 18, 1894.

A meeting of the Baptist Educational Society was called to order by the President, L. D. Inskeep, who presided. The meeting opened with prayer by Prof. Bunyan Spencer.

President L. D. Inskeep then made a statement of the work and the objects of this society.

The report of the Trustees of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union was called for, and the officers of the Theological Union took their places.

After being called to order again, the President appointed Prof. Wallace and C. A. Beecher as a committee to nominate three managers to fill the places of the three whose term expire this year. Voted: that Rev. M. Tooms, of Mexico, and Rev. J. W. Henry be asked to us for ten minutes each, about their work. Bro. Tooms desired more than the time allowed him, and by vote he was granted fifteen minutes.

The Committee on Nominations for Managers, reported the following names for Managers to fill the places of those whose terms will expire this year, and to serve till 1897: Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. W. T. Jordan, P. R. Garnett.

L. D. INSKEEP,
President.

A. J. STURTEVANT,
Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

Pacific Baptist Theological Union

OF CALIFORNIA.

OAKLAND, May 19, 1894.

The Pacific Baptist Theological Union of California met this day, President H. L. Gear in the chair. The Secretary of the Union, Rev. C. H. Hobart, presented and read the report, which, after discussion, was adopted.

It was, on motion made, seconded and carried, voted that the chair appoint a Committee on Nominations. The chair appointed as the Committee, Revs. S. B. Randall and B. F. Hudelson.

An opportunity was then given for any one, by the payment of one dollar, to become an annual member of the Union, and the following persons availed themselves of the opportunity: H. L. Gear, H. E. McCune, Rev. W. H. Latourette and W. R. Strong.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following named persons to serve as Trustees of the Union: H. E. McCune, H. L. Gear, W. R. Strong, Revs. J. H. Reider, Robert Whitaker, Bunyan Spencer, C. H. Hobart, W. H. Latourette, J. Q. A. Henry, Bros. C. F. Baker and C. N. Whitemore.

It was, on motion made, seconded and carried, voted that the Secretary cast the ballot for the persons as nominated, which he did, and the President declared that the persons above named were duly elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Union for the ensuing year.

On motion made, seconded and carried, it was voted that Dr. J. Sunderland be instructed to frame a resolution of sympathy for Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., in his illness, and to convey the same to Dr. Gray, which he did, as follows:

Resolved: That we express to Rev. E. H. Gray, D.D. our very high appreciation of the services which he has rendered to the Theological Union the past and preceding years, and our deep sympathy with him in his present illness, which has deprived us of his presence and counsels in this meeting of the Union. We assure Dr. Gray of our constant prayers for his restoration to health, if it be the will of God, and that

his valuable service may continue in this great work, which he loves, and his presence in our counsels. That Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., be appointed a committee to convey to Dr. Gray, this mark of the esteem of the Union.

Note. Since then, Dr. Gray has passed away to his reward.

There being no further business before the Union, on motion made, seconded and carried, adjourned.

A. J. STURTEVANT,
Acting Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

Baptist Historical Society of California

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE, HIGHLAND PARK,
EAST OAKLAND, May 18, 1894.

The Baptist Historical Society of California was called to order this day at 10:15 A. M., with the President of the Society, Rev. E. B. Hatch, presiding. By request of the President, and accepted by the Society, O. C. Pope acted as Secretary *pro tem.* The session was opened by prayer from Dr. G. S. Abbott.

The President, Rev. E. B. Hatch, appointed to serve on a committee to take the names of those who wished to be enrolled as members of the Society, Rev. W. Slaughter and E. G. Wheeler, they commenced to work at once, and the following persons became members of the Society for the ensuing year on the payment of twenty-five cents, as follows: Revs. E. B. Hatch, L. T. Bush, J. S. Norvell, A. M. Russell, G. S. Abbott, D. D., M. Slaughter, W. L. Gaston, Bros. John F. Pope, W. R. Strong, C. T. Bidwell, H. S. Adams, J. L. Lyons, Z. N. Goldsby, H. F. Norris, L. C. West, R. Crane, L. Lundquist, G. M. Purnell, M. Monsen, J. D. Davis and and O. C. Pope.

The President announced that he had appointed Bros. John F. Pope and Rev. J. S. Barnes to prepare papers on Baptist history in this State, and to read them before the Society.

Mr. John F. Pope read his paper, and when he had finished reading, on motion made, seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was passed by a standing vote, thanking Bro. John

F. Pope for his very able and interesting paper, the doxology was sung, and the Society adjourned to the call of the President, 1:40 P. M. The President called the Society to order, and on motion made, seconded and carried, the Society proceeded to elect officers to serve for the coming year.

The chair nominated John F. Pope for President, and on motion made, seconded, the nomination was carried, and the President announced that John F. Pope was elected to serve as President of the Society for the ensuing year.

Vice-Presidents were then nominated, and the nominees were H. E. McCune and W. R. Strong, and on motion made and seconded their nominations were carried, and the President, Rev. E. B. Hatch, announced that H. E. McCune and W. R. Strong were duly elected to serve as Vice-Presidents of the Society for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer were then next in order. The chair nominated O. C. Pope to serve as such, and on motion made and seconded, the nomination was carried, and the chair announced that O. C. Pope was duly elected to serve as Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Officers for 1894-95: President, John F. Pope, of San Francisco; Vice-Presidents, H. E. McCune, of Dixon, W. R. Strong, of Sacramento; Secretary and Treasurer, O. C. Pope, of San Francisco.

Bro. J. S. Barnes, not being able to attend the Convention, had sent his paper to Rev. W. H. Latourette, asking him to read it in his place. Bro. W. H. Latourette not being in the room, the President requested Rev. M. G. Bradley to go after Bro. Latourette, which he did. Rev. W. H. Latourette then read the paper prepared by Rev. J. S. Barnes, and on motion made, seconded and carried, both of the papers were received and ordered to be placed on file among the Historical papers belonging to the Society.

On motion made, seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be sent to Bro. J. S. Barnes for his able and interesting paper. On motion made, seconded and carried, Bro. R. Crane, of Santa Rosa, was requested to prepare a paper on Baptist History in our State for the next annual gathering at Twin Lakes. There being no more business, on motion made, seconded and carried, the Society adjourned to meet at Twin Lakes, June 1895.

O. C. POPE,
Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

Chinese Home Missionary Society

May 18th, 1894.

No meeting of the Chinese Home Mission Society having been called, the same officers will hold over until next year.

MINUTES

OF THE

California Baptist Resort.

The history of the California Baptist Resort reaches back to 1888, when the Secretary, L. D. Inskeep, began to talk a Baptist Resort for California. In April, 1889, the San Francisco Ministerial Union appointed a Committee to prepare a plan, secure a place, and carry out a ten days' Baptist Congress. The California College Trustees granted grounds for such use to adults. As Secretary of the Committee, I found through correspondence that about two-thirds of the pastors were eager for such a meeting, but they did not have the time to prepare the papers on the subjects tendered them. The Committee reported back to the Ministerial Union that the time was too short, and recommended that a new Committee be appointed to carry out the project during the next year—1890.

The new Committee stood as follows: Rev. J. H. Garnett, Chairman; Revs. A. W. Runyan, W. H. Latourette and Prof. L. D. Inskeep, and the Committee met first on December 22, 1889, at the Lick House, San Francisco. The second meeting took place January 21, 1890, at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, and witnessed a preliminary meeting of the present organization, for, through its efforts, sites were offered as follows: near Castroville, above Sausalito, three about Santa Cruz, one near the Big Basin, and one on top of the Contra Costa Hills. The members of the preliminary Board viewed all the sites, and met the Board of Trade of Santa Cruz, April 3, 1890. The offers of Messrs. Kimble & Schwan were accepted by the Directors, April 9th. The action was endorsed by the Convention, and an incorporation was ordered.

On May 6th, 1890, the Directors were duly elected, by-laws drawn up, officers chosen, a superintendent elected for four months at a salary of $100 per month. Rev. F. S. Lawrence, (who had secured the Schwan gift), and N. E. Beckwith, who was the efficient superintendent, full of hope and courage, were chosen to take and hold the property in trust for the California Baptist Resort—and right willingly, faithfully, and patiently have they filled their trust and discharged their duties, even under trying circumstances, without any remuneration therefore.

The deeds to the property were made out and received May 10, 1890; commenced building the hotel and stable May 22; a well dug, a tank completed, water pipes were laid, and the hotel was opened June 24. A $3,000 bridge over Seabright Lake was built, Mrs. Sterling's cottage finished, and, by the Fourth of July two boats were on the lake, bathing suits and tents were in use, and the Parker cottage was finished. A Sunday school was opened in the hotel with an average attendance of over forty in December, 1890. A contract for the auditorium was let to C. Goodfellow for $4,700, and, with the architect's fee, it cost a little over $5,000 when finished and ready for use.

By June 6th, in making the commencement of operations, the Superintendent had contracted and incurred liabilities of $2,736.17, and paid out $566.57.

At the end of the first year it was found that bills had been approved to the amount of $11,884.78; and that the total indebtedness at the end of the year was $8,251.78. In round numbers $8,000 had been paid since July, 1891, on interest, paying for subdivision No. 6, salary of the superintendent, building the bridge, insurance, and additions to the hotel. Of the present indebtedness $7,719.90, subdivision No. 8 will take care, provided it be fairly sold; of $3,000 there remains $2,500 of indebtedness on the Auditorium, (which, with the lot, is worth $8,000,) and the contracts now in hand when paid will discharge the obligations upon the hotel.

When the Baptists provide this $2,500 on the Auditorium, the State Convention will have a self-sustaining home of its own.

LORENZO D. INSKEEP,
Secretary 1890–1894.

MINUTES

OF THE

Baptist Young Peoples Union

OF

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

HIGHLAND PARK, OAKLAND, CAL.
Saturday, May 19, 1894.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Central and Northern California met in the Auditorium of Mary Stuart Hall, California College, Oakland, California, at 2 P. M., May 19th, 1893, with the President, L. D. Inskeep, in the chair.

The session opened with a praise service led by D. J. Davis, of Sacramento, singing "Standing on the Promises," "There is Sunshine in my Soul," "Blessed Assurance," and prayer by Rev. W. D. Parkhurst. Mr. E. G. Humphreys, of Reedley, Mr. C. A. Beecher, of Stockton, Mr. A. P. Parker, of the First Church, Oakland, Miss Alice Andrews, of Calvary Church, Sacramento, and Miss Jessie Featherstone, of Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco, were appointed as a committee to present two names as nominees for each office of the Union. G. M. Parnell, of Sacramento, Martin Monsen, of Santa Rosa, and Miss Della Bixby, of Santa Cruz, were appointed a Committee of Enrollment.

The first paper, "With the Heart," prepared by M. S. Williams, was read by Mr. Beecher. The paper, "With the Mouth," not being presented, the time was occupied in discussions. After singing "More About Jesus," it was moved and seconded that this Convention be reported to the "Baptist Union," and Bro. Rev. E. H. Hayden was appointed as the reporter to report the proceedings of the Convention. At this time, forty minutes were devoted to the Christian Culture Courses in three separate rooms. "The Bible Reader's Course" being led by Rev. Frank M. Mitchell, of San Jose; "The Sacred Literature Course" led by Myrtil M. Turner, of Fresno; and the "Missionary Course" led by Miss Mattie A. Torson, of Alameda.

Singing "Throw Out the Life Line," followed by a short prayer by Bro. Green. A paper on "What to do with 'I Can't'" was presented by Miss Ida Gallup, of Sacramento, which was immediately followed by another read by Miss Minnie E. Wishon, of Tulare, on "Faith, Feeling, Following."

On motion made and seconded, Messrs. Davis and Baker were appointed to select and send a message of greeting to the Christian Endeavor Convention of California in session at Riverside, as suggested by President L. D. Inskeep, singing "Bringing in the Sheaves," after which President Inskeep made special mention of the Chapel Car, and was followed by prayer led by Rev. C. M. Hill, in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler and the Chapel Car, to which Mr. Wheeler responded by a short address.

Following this was a paper entitled "The Baptist and His Bible," read by Albert P. Parker, of Oakland. The next paper, "How to Use the Bible to Win Souls," was written by Mrs. E. I. Voorhees, of Caruthers, and read by Mr. Williams, of Madera; singing "Glory to His Name," and a short prayer by T. B. Holmes of the Twenty-third Avenue Church, East Oakland.

The Committee on the Telegram of Greeting to the Chris-

tian Endeavor Society Convention reported for such telegram Ephes. 6th chapter, 10, 11, 23 and 24 verses, and, on motion made, seconded and carried, it was adopted and sent.

A short time was spent in listening to reports from all the different societies, some of which were exceedingly encouraging, showing much growth and increased interest; after which, short speeches were made by many of the delegates, and singing "At the Cross."

On motion made, seconded and carried, the time for C. F. Baker's address on "Federation and Finance," was changed to 7:30 P. M.

The afternoon session closed in adjourning to six different rooms for the Committee Quiz Meetings, led respectively by Martin Monsen, of Santa Rosa, on "Devotional;" G. S. Gilmore, of Sacramento, on "Temperance;" J. B. Travis, of Oakland, on "Membership;" L. D. Inskeep, of Oakland, on "Symposium and Social;" Frank L. Moss, of San Francisco, on "Missions;" and Arthur C. Faw, of Salinas, on "Tract and Publication."

SATURDAY EVENING.

The evening session was opened by a praise service, singing "Jesus is Calling," "Standing on the Promises," "Blessed Assurance," and prayers by Rev. I. D. Wood and Rev. E. G. Wheeler.

The report on the "Bible Reader's Course" of the afternoon session was as follows:

"Time Occupied with Brief Words upon the Facts About the Course;" "How to Read the Bible for Personal Spiritual Edification;" "How to Make the Course Helpful to the Prayer Meeting;" "The Value of the Hymns and Baptist Facts," given by the *Baptist Union* in the calendar, and "How to Enlist the Young People in the Study of the Course." A good number were found to be pursuing it, and about four times as many agreed to take it up.

The report of the "Sacred Literature Course" was next received. "We learned how to enlist the young people in this course. The way to interest the young people in the Sacred Literature Course:

1.—Have a good leader. To be a good leader, be interested in it yourself.

2.—Get the young people to have confidence in you, so that they will believe that what you do is done for their good.

3.—Get every member to take the *Baptist Union*.

4.—Emphasize the motto "Culture for Service."

5.—Have regular meetings. Emphasize the fact that everything done out of season is unsuccessful. Study consecutively.

We especially recommend older and stronger societies to form a class. How to conduct a class:

1.—Have a class.
2.—Have a good leader.
3.—Have a meeting.
4.—Have material to work with. Refer everything to the Bible. Be exhaustive in your researches. Have the class get all the references possible, and make an analysis. Question freely on the line of investigation. Require reviews, be fresh in your methods of reviewing, and read the paper thoroughly.

Mr. C. F. Baker's address on "Federation and Finances" was much appreciated, and was followed by discussions on the "*Baptist Union*" and "Founding Fund."

Rev. W. B. Pope, of Reno, Nevada, gave a short talk on the work, the church, etc., at that place, which was very interesting.

President L. D. Inskeep and many others spoke upon the subject of the "Founding Fund," which ended with seven individual subscriptions for the fund, and nineteen societies pledging themselves to do something for the said fund.

The report of the State officers was then called for. The Corresponding Secretary's Report was received and placed on file. The Treasurer's Report was received and is as follows:—

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

California College, May 19, 1894.

Members of the Young People's Union of Central and Northern California:

The Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report:

Received of former Treasurer	$ 4 83
" " Collection at Twin Lakes	22 05
" " Stockton, First	5 00
" " Sacramento River Association	2 65
" " Tulare B. Y. P. U.	11 90
" " B. Y. P. U., Petaluma	2 50
" " Private Donation	10 00
Total Receipts	$58 93
Deficit due L. D. Inskeep	24 68
	$83 61
Paid Out for Postage	$12 57
" for Printing and Subscription	41 36
" for Railroad Fare	25 55
Cash on Hand	4 13
Total	$83 61

Also $11.50 due for Minutes of Convention; $7 due for printing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Maloon,
Treasurer.

The subscription and collection for State Work amounted to $85.00. Singing, "Sunshine in My Soul," after which Prof. L. D. Inskeep spoke on the "Annual Convention Work," etc.

The Enrollment Committee reported as follows:—

Societies represented, 39; Delegates, 72; Visitors, 67; Alameda, 2; Dixon, 2; Fresno, Emanuel, 3; Gonzales, 1; Los Gatos, 2; Madera, 2; Mountain View Memorial, 2; Middletown, 1; Napa, 2; Oakland, First, 1; Oakland, Tenth Avenue, 2; Oakland, Golden Gate, 1; Oakland, Beth Eden, 1; Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue, 3; Penryn, 1; Petaluma, 1; Reedley, 2; Red Bluff, 2; Sacramento, Calvary, 1; Sacramento, First, 3; Sacramento, Emmanuel, 2; San Jose, First, 5; San Francisco, First, 3; San Francisco, Hamilton Square, 1; San Francisco, Chinese, 1; San Jose, Emmanuel, 2; Santa Cruz, 2; San Pablo, 1; Stockton, First, 2; Santa Rosa, 2; St. Helena, 1; Tulare, 2; Vacaville, 2; Vallejo, 2; Wright's, Temple Grove, 1; Wheatland, 2; Willows, 3; Woodland, 2; Reno, Nevada, 1; and Chapel Car, 2. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers rendered its report as follows:—

President—L. D. Inskeep, of Oakland; afterwards
" C. L. Baker, of Oakland;
" D. J. Davis, of Sacramento.
Vice-President—C. F. Baker, of Oakland;
" Martin Monsen, of Santa Rosa.
Recording Secretary—Miss May Adams, of San Jose.
" " Miss Minnie Cozard, of Santa Rosa.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Mattie Torson, of Alameda.
" " J. B. Williams, of Madera.
" " From the floor, Geo. M. Purnell, of Sacramento.
Treasurer—G. S. Gilmore, of Sacramento;
" Frank L. Moss, of San Francisco.

The Committee also recommended that a State Superintendent of Junior Work be appointed by the Executive Committee, and that this be created a permanent office at our next Convention. D. J. Davis declined the nomination, and L. D. Inskeep asked to be relieved from further work.

The officers that were declared duly elected are as follows:

President—C. F. Baker, of Oakland.
Vice-President—Martin Monsen, of Santa Rosa.
Corresponding Secretary—G. M. Purnell, of Sacramento.
Recording Secretary—Miss May Adams, of San Jose.
Treasurer—Frank L. Moss, of San Francisco.

On motion made, seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was tendered to our retiring President for his faithful and efficient services. Singing, "Sunshine in My Soul."

On motion made, seconded and carried, a vote of thanks was extended to the other retiring officers for their faithful services, after which the Convention adjourned, after prayer from O. A. Lane.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 1894.

The Sunday morning service was held at the First Church, Oakland.

At 9:30 A. M., a praise and devotional service was held, being led by W. Y. Eyles, of Red Bluff.

At 10:30 A. M., the Convention attended services at the different churches. The Afternoon Session was held at California College.

3:20 P. M. This session was held in the interests of Junior Works. The meeting was opened by a praise service.

"Our Juniors," a paper giving many helpful items concerning local Junior Societies, was written by Mrs. R. H. Bramlett, of Fresno, a vocal solo by Miss Alice Andrews, of Sacramento, after which the following papers were read: "The Junior's Past and Future," or "A New Crusade," an interesting paper by Geo. M. Parnell, of Sacramento.

"The Object Lesson," led by Mrs. H. B. Turner, of Fresno, was a lesson from the "Baptist Union," and illustrated the value of the Junior Department of this paper, then a vocal solo by Miss M. Clark. Reports from the different Associational Unions regarding Junior Work were given. Two Associational Unions reported the appointment of Junior Superintendents during the year, and an increased interest was manifested by all.

An address: "Our Motto," or "Loyalty to Christ," by Rev. E. H. Hayden, was the next in order. This address was a stirring talk on the meaning of the design of the badge, and what "Loyalty to Christ" means.

The Evening Session was held at the Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland.

6:45 P. M. The first hour was given to the Young People's Testimony Meeting. The speakers stated to what church they belonged, thus showing that while many Societies were represented, yet there was union.

After a recess of ten minutes, the Scripture lesson was read, and a prayer was offered by Rev. C. M. Hill. The collection was taken, after which a vocal solo was rendered by Miss Van Amringe.

Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., gave the following among the statistics of money raised by the Young People for foreign missions. Total amount raised in California for Foreign Missionary purposes was $411.14, as follows: from Northern and Central California, $372.48; from Southern California, $38.66. The following was the amount raised in the different associations: Central Association, $233.58; Pacific Association, $60.75; South Central Association, $40.35; Sacramento River Association, $10.00; Clear Lake Association, $5.00; Tulare Association, $14.80. Amount raised for the support of Rev. Wm. Wynd, $160.44; for other purposes, $250.70.

The addresses of the evening were as follows: "Our Belief," Rev. W. V. Grey, Temple Grove; "Our Polity," Rev. W. T. Jordan, Dixon; "Our History," Rev. Robt. Whitaker, Oakland.

President C. F. Baker, announced that any member of the Executive Committee would visit local Societies when invited, the expenses being paid by the Society sending for the officer. The Executive Committee reported the appointment of Mrs. H. B. Turner, of Fresno, as Superintendent of Junior Work. Mrs. Turner was then introduced to the Convention. President C. F. Baker announced that the Executive Committee requested that on the 20th day of each month, special prayer be offered for the work of the Baptist Young People's Union, of this Convention. After prayer by Prof. L. D. Inskeep, all joined in singing "God be with You."

Closed with prayer by Rev. E. H. Hayden.

MISS MAY ADAMS,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

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ASSOCIATED SECRETARIES.

Central Association, Mrs. J. K. Smallman, East Oakland, Cal.
South Central Association, Mrs. F. E. Gaton, San Jose, Cal.
Sacramento River Association, Mrs. Lyons, Redding, Cal.
Clear Lake Association, Miss Agnes Dozier, Ukiah, Cal.
Pacific Association, Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Dixon, Cal.
Tulare Association, Mrs. H. B. Turner, Fresno.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies—Miss M. A. Ham, 1457 Myrtle Street, Oakland.

Superintendent of Bureau of Intelligence—Mrs. S. C. Lillis, 3036 California Street, San Francisco.

Superintendent of Bands—Miss Minnie Ham, 1457 Myrtle Street, Oakland.

Superintendent of Distribution of Literature—Miss Ella Bergin, 1454 Tenth Avenue, East Oakland.

COMMITTEES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Memorial—Mrs. F. S. Lawrence, Mrs. L. L. Riggins.
Resolutions—Mrs. J. Q. A. Henry, Mrs. L. M. Kellogg.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of this society was held at California College, Oakland, California, May 16th and 17th, 1894.

WEDNESDAY P. M., MAY 16, 1894.

After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. J. S. Norvell, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis called the meeting to order and appointed the following Committees :—

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. L. W. Fielding, Mrs. Riggins, Mrs. Kellogg.

Committee on Enrolment—Miss Rose Inskeep, Miss Malliet.

On account of Mrs. W. C. Spencer, Recording Secretary, having lately removed from California, there was no report. Mrs. J. M. Helsley was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

The following report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Mrs. Lillis and adopted :—

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

We have great reasons for gratitude to God for the pleasant paths in which He has led us since our last Annual Meeting. He has so planned our work and directed us in everything pertaining to it, as to have made even this hard year a happy one; and, at its close, has given us the joy of reporting sufficient funds in our treasury to meet the demands of the work He gave us to do. We began the work of the year by continuing our assistance in the support of Revs. J. M. French, S. L. Sanford and N. Tychsen. In December, Rev. Mr. French closed his labors at Visalia and Exeter, and moved to Southern California. It was then decided that the aid we had been giving him be applied toward the support of other missionary pastors, and we are glad to state that in January, Rev. W. R. Connelly, located at Merced, and in April, Rev. S. C. Keetch, at Vacaville, were added to the number of these noble men in whose support we consider it a privilege to have even a small part.

We have counted it a pleasure to be able to help one of our young brothers in his studies for the ministry; and that by a little timely assistance from us, one of our young sisters is enabled to avail herself of the privileges of a Philadelphia Training School, preparatory to missionary work on this Coast.

In order to know early in the year what sum to depend upon for our Missionary Fund, our Executive Board thought best to apportion to each circle a definite amount. So doing has led to most satisfactory results. We wish to make a particular mention of the first apportioned amount received. It came from a small and distant circle only a year old, with prayers for our Society. This gladened our hearts. We wish to thank the circles that so promply and liberally responded to the call for a special contribution with which to defray the traveling expenses of Rev. Mr. French and family, when they greatly needed rest and change. In a week from the time our appeal for help was made, the amount required for their journey was in our Treasurer's hands.

Miss M. A. Ham, who has charge of the Bureau of Supplies, has given this branch of the work her faithful attention. Through her efforts, cheer and comfort have found their way into many homes. That the value of the barrels sent has amounted to less this year than last, is owing to the unusual demand for help at our very doors. The distribution of Literature has grown under the efficient management of Miss Ella Berger. Her report will show a large increase of contributors, as well as receipts, and will make us all glad that we have such a department in our Society.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Intelligence, Mrs. Myrtle B. Sill, has promptly answered all calls for leaflets, blanks, manuscripts, etc., and would gladly have sent out more had they been asked for.

Miss Minnie Ham, Superintendent of Mission Bands, feels that our young people show a lack of interest in this work. We hope that something may be put into their hands this coming year that will awaken a true missionary spirit within them. We are glad to report that several circle are soon to be organized, and that an increasing desire for knowledge of our work, and to engage in it, is manifested. This new interest is largely due to the visits that have been made to the Associations by our President, who, while ably presenting the work, not only shows her faith in it and in our Great Leader, but prays as she talks, thus inspiring all who hear her to their best efforts.

We are very grateful to all who with prayers as well as money have cheered and strengthened us through this year, and made it possible for us to take up the work for the next with courage.

Following is the Report of the Associational Secretaries as far as received:

ASSOCIATIONS	No. of Churches	No. of Members	Amt. Received
Central	12	216	$289 78
Pacific	7	89	47 50
Clear Lake	1	.....	8 00
Tulare	3	43	121 50
Sacramento River	No report..	.....	.....
		Total,	$466 78

Number of Letters and Postals written..... 237
Number of Letters and Postals received..... 81
Number of Minutes sent out..... 76

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. S. C. LILLIS,
Cor. Sec'y W. B. H. M. Society of Cal.

We were rejoiced upon hearing the Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Joy, read her report to find that amid the hard times, we were able to close the year with so slight a debt. The report was accepted.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

—OF THE—

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA,

From June 17th, 1893, to May 12th, 1894.

MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 17th, 1893	$6 00
Santa Cruz	27 80
Oakland, First	47 00
" Tenth Avenue	33 30
" " " Miss Ella Berger, Life Membership	10 00
" " " Miss Lillian Berger, Life Membership	10 00
" Twenty-third Avenue	17 70
St. Helena	13 00
" Ivy Leaf Mission, for Miss Maggie Reynolds, Life Membership	10 00
Berkeley	2 75
Santa Clara	1 90
Willows	33 75

San Francisco, First	$35 00	
" " Shining Star Band	2 86	
" " Steadfast Club	3 80	
" Hamilton Square	11 10	
Redding	1 20	
Sanger	7 50	
Fresno	10 00	
Alameda	25 60	
" Junior Mission Band	3 00	
" Danish-Norwegian Church	5 00	
Mrs. F. E. Caton, Life Membership	10 00	
Gonzales	7 00	
Sacramento, First	14 00	
" Emmanuel	5 50	
Santa Rosa	12 50	
E. T. Sandford, Eureka	5 00	
San Jose, Emmanuel	5 50	
" First	31 00	
(Mrs. L. M. Cheshire, Life Membership, $10)		
Morgan Hill	5 75	
Dixon	7 00	
Mrs. C. S. Brown	1 00	
Woodland	2 00	
Ukiah	7 00	
Stockton, First	8 00	
Vallejo	9 00	
Los Gatos	10 00	
Napa	9 25	
Tulare	2 50	
		$470 26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. F. Baker, Treasurer of Convention	$470 26	
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EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, June 17th, 1893	$7 56
Stockton, First, "Lay By" Envelopes.	1 20
Collection at Convention at Twin Lakes	12 35
First Quarterly Collection	17 40
Second " "	16 16
Third " "	3 15
Fourth " "	4 50
Oakland, Tenth Avenue, J. M. French Fund	7 45
" First, " "	12 20
San Francisco, First, " "	5 00
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue " "	4 00
San Jose, First, " "	6 75
Alameda, " "	5 15
Mrs. Lillis, " "	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Jones, Arbuckle	75
Mrs. J. L. Orcutt, Santa Clara Miss	7 25
Miss Emily Pratt, Collections Napa and Solano Union Meetings	2 60

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	$5 32	
" First	4 00	
Collections, Central Baptist Association	4 35	
" Clear Lake " "	8 45	
" South Central "	2 55	
" Santa Clara Home Missionary Gathering		
" Transferred from Student's Aid Fund	3 50	
		$142 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pacific Printing Co., Rules of Order	$2 25	
Mrs. C. F. Baker, Postage, etc	5 75	
J. M. French, Porterville	40 00	
Express on Money to J. M. French	20	
N. Tychsen, Expenses to Twin Lakes	3 75	
J. M. Adams	13 20	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Expenses to Tulare Association	13 30	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Expenses to Fort Bragg Association	4 00	
Argus Publishing Co., Printing Letter Heads, Envelopes and Postal Cards	10 75	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Expenses to South Central Association	3 30	
Mrs. J. W. Henry, Collection at Second Quarterly Meeting	12 40	
Payot, Upham & Co., Receipt Book	20	
C. F. Baker, on Account Convention Minutes	20 00	$129 10
Cash on Hand		$ 13 54

STUDENT'S AID FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, June 17, 1893	$17 85	
Transferred from Baby Band Fund	1 50	
Oakland, First, Willing Workers	4 00	
" " Church	11 60	
" Twenty-third Avenue	4 20	
" Tenth Avenue	2 50	
San Francisco, Hamilton Square	3 50	
" First	9 70	
Fresno, First	2 00	
Santa Clara	3 50	
Vallejo, Cornell Sunday School and Birthday Jug	3 40	
St. Helena, Ivy Leaf Miss. Society	10 00	
Mrs. S. C. Brown	1 00	
Napa, Ladies' Aid Society	5 00	
San Jose, First	2 00	
Transferred from Edifice Fund	4 70	
		$86 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Henry Jackson	$10 00	
L. B. Harvey	10 00	
"	10 00	

M. J. Jeffress' Note for Miss Stenger's Trip East....	50 00	
Collections at Santa Cruz—transferred to Expense Account.....	3 50	$83 50
Cash on Hand.....		$2 95

EDIFICE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue.....	$1 60	
Santa Clara.....	1 10	
San Francisco, First..	2 00	
		$4 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Transferred to Student's Aid Fund.....	$4 70	
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BABY BAND FUND.

Cash in Treasury, June 17th, 1893.....		$1 50
Transferred to Student's Aid Fund.....	$1 50	
	$1 50	$1 50

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, June 17th, 1893.....	$32 91	
July, 1893.....	22 65	
August, "	70 70	
September, "	31 70	
October, "	37 35	
November, "	53 91	
December, "	20 00	
January, 1894.....	49 35	
February, "	74 05	
March, "	120 41	
April "	72 17	
May, to 12th, 1894.....	120 35	
		$705 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

August, 1893.....	$75 15	
September, "	17 30	
October, "	82 95	
November, "	15 70	
December, "	45 80	
January, 1894.....	13 70	
February, "	72 60	
March, "	141 87	
April, "	63 84	
May, to 12th, 1894.....	160 15	$689
Cash on Hand.....		$16 49

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. F. JOY,
Treasurer.

Examined with vouchers and found correct.

E. H. GRAY,
Auditor.

Miss M. A. Ham read her report as Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies, which was received.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

It was hoped that Mrs. S. P. Davis, who had so successfully managed this work, would continue in charge of the Bureau of Supplies, and it was not positively decided that she must be relieved until late in September, so your present Superintendent has had charge of the work for only the last six months of the year.

While the same number of churches contributed to this work this year as last, the value of supplies as stated, has been considerably less owing in part, no doubt, to the hard times; but these times have made the goods sent doubly acceptable. One who writes on receiving a box, "It was truly a God-send, everything so nice and so appropriate to our needs." Another writes, "It seems so funny for us to open the barrel; we had never had that experience before. Our part before had been in contributing and wondering what the minister and his family would think when they unpacked it. This time we had that pleasure, and I assure you we appeciated everything that was in it. I wish you could have seen the surprise of the children. I had not told them a word about it, and they thought it was a gift from the Lord, and so it was through his servants."

Thus we have much to encourage us in this work, and let us always bear in mind the words of our Lord: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethern, ye have done it unto me." And let our offerings be always such as are acceptable to him, remembering that the lame and the blind, and that which costs us nothing are not acceptable sacrifices unto the Lord our God.

The following is the Statistical Report:—

Churches.	Supplies.	Value.
Alameda	1 barrel	$56 80
Beth Eden	1 barrel	40 00
Oakland, First	1 barrel	81 00
Oakland, Tenth Avenue	1 barrel	70 15
Red Bluff	1 box	12 00
San Francisco, First	1 barrel	25 00
San Jose, First	1 barrel	30 00
Santa Cruz, First	1 box	15 00
Santa Rosa	1 barrel	46 65
Stockton, First	1 barrel	35 00
Sacramento, Calvary	1 box	11 35
Salinas	1 barrel	20 00
		$442 95

The First Church, Oakland, sent a second barrel upon which no value was set.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. Ham,
Superintendent of Supplies.

At this point, Mrs. W. Z. King, of San Francisco, favored the audience with a solo.

Report of Mrs. E. R. Sill, Superintendent of Bureau of Intelligence, was next read and adopted.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

Leaflets Distributed	300
"Lay By" Envelopes	98
Lists	61
Constitutions	7
Manuscripts Loaned	4
Letters Written	14

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. R. SILL,
Superintendent Bureau of Intelligence.

Miss Ella Berger read the following report, which was accepted :—

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

It was not with high hopes of great achievements that your Superintendent undertook this work, nor is it with complacency that she looks back over her work of the year, for so much that *might* have been done remains undone, and so much that has been accomplished does not seem to be the result of her own work.

By the request of Rev. H. E. Adams much literature has found its way into the lumber camps of Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, some of which work is due to letters written by your Superintendent, and to the fact that you have a bureau for distribution of literature.

Bro. Adams is accomplishing much good by means of this literature and picture work, proving that judicious use of even so small a thing as a Sunday school paper may result in the saving of souls. It is the desire of your Superintendent to induce every circle to appoint its committee to take charge of the distribution of literature, seeking out needy fields, and making reports at each circle meeting, and annual reports to the Superintendent—thus systematizing the work and showing whether it is of any value.

The report which follows includes the work of churches and young people's societies, as well as circles, the aim of the Bureau being to interest all Christians in the work, and to afford a chance for sending out supplies and reporting the amount of the same.

Most of the reports do not mention the number of papers sent, the amount being indicated by *bundles and large packages*, and the quantity is doubtless much larger than we can estimate from such statements.

REPORT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

BY THE

CHURCHES OF NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

For the Year Ending May 17th, 1894.

Total—Rolls	31
" Papers (and quantities uncounted)	3,327
" Books	.....
" Pictures	.....
" Magazines	.....
" Tracts	2,000
" Cards	925

Recipients: Rev. H. E. Adams, Rev. M. Kidder, missions, orphan asylums, prisons, hospitals, Mariner's Church, individuals, Veteran's Home, Sunday schools, C. E. Floating Society.

Letters and postals written by the Superintendent, 43.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ELLA BERGER.

The report of the Nominating Committee resulted in the election of the following persons:—

President—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Latourette.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. P. Baker.
Recording Secretary—Miss Ida Spencer.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Joy.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association—Mrs. J. K. Smallman.
South Central Association—Mrs. F. E. Caton.
Sacramento River Association—Mrs. Lyon.
Clear Lake Association—Miss Agnes Dozier.
Pacific Association—Mrs. W. T. Jordan.
Tulare Association—Mrs. H. B. Turner.

Our President, with deep feelings, expressed her gratitude for the honor conferred upon her by her re-election, and then briefly reviewed the past ten years.

Mrs. Lillis read a report of the work planned by the Executive Board for the coming year. After discussion, the recommendations were adopted one by one.

First Recommendation—To aid Rev. E. T. Sandford of Eureka.
Second " —To aid Rev. N. Tychsen.
Third " —To aid Rev. S. C. Keetch, of Vacaville.
Fourth " —To aid Rev. C. C. X. Laws, of San Jose.
Fifth " —To raise $300 in Edifice Department to aid the church at King City.

The meeting adjourned until the next afternoon in the same place.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 17, 1894.

The meeting was called to order by the President. A praise service was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Norvell, followed by devotional exercises, led by Mrs. E. G. Wheeler.

The report of the Memorial Committee was read by Mrs. C. H. Hobart, and was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Several of our circles have been called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones during the past year.

At Willows, SISTER I. JENKS, was called home after a long illness. She was a faithful worker, and is sadly missed.

Sacramento reports the death of MISS MINA STALKER, who was drowned at Twin Lakes last August. This was peculiarly sad, but she was ready for the sudden call.

The Twenty-third Avenue Church, Oakland, has lost an earnest Christian worker in MRS. JOHN RUSH, who has been called to her reward.

Ceres reports the death of their loved Vice-President, MRS. E. C. WIGGINS, who was seventy-seven years of age. She was faithful in the work, always sunny and trustful amid discouragements.

At Selma, September 24, 1893, SISTER M. L. VORE was called to her rest. Of her it is said: "She was one of our best helpers in every good work."

At Merced, Mrs. C. S. PERINE died February 22d, 1894. Her whole heart was in the work, and she labored untiringly for the church. Among her very last words were these broken utterances, spoken to her pastor: "The work will not be in vain; no, the work we have done will not be in vain." She "kept the faith," and thus "finished her course."

In Oakland, December 24, 1894, MRS. MAY TYCHSEN, wife of our missionary pastor, Rev. N. Tychsen, went to the Master she loved. She had been a faithful worker in Home and Foreign Missions for years.

In the First Church, Oakland, there have been two deaths: MRS. EMMA BANKS, July, 1893—though she was converted and baptized after she was seventy, she learned to love the things of the Kingdom, and, as long as she was able, attended our circle meetings; and, MRS. ELVIRA A. BRADWAY heard the summons calling her home April 12, 1894, after a short illness of five days. She was a native of New York, where she was born in 1824. At the early age of eleven years she gave her heart to the Saviour, whom she has loved and faithfully served ever since. In 1847 she was married to Dr. J. R. Bradway in Delevan, Wisconsin. In 1854 Mrs. Bradway came to Red Bluff, in this State.

There were, at that early date, no religious privileges in the town. She speedily sought to make up for the lack of these by the establishment of a Sunday school, which was the first ever organized in that place. Here she gathered the children, young and old. Sometime later a church was organized, of which she became an active member. Since 1872 she has lived in Oakland. After she had been here sometime she was led to ask the Lord to give her some special work. Those of us who have heard her tell of how this prayer was answered, can never forget it. For more than sixteen years she has labored in the Chinese Mission School. She has stood faithfully by this God-given work, leading her boys, one after another, to the Lamb of God, till she had the pleasure of seeing twenty-eight of them follow the Saviour in baptism. Many of these Chinese brethren are now scattered. Five of them are actively engaged in misssionary work in China. Surely she rests from her labors—but her works do follow her. She was a constituent member of this Society, and at one time its President. For many years we have listened to her gentle words and wise counsels in our Board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. HOBART,
MRS. J. M. HELSLEY,
Committee.

The report of the Enrollment Committee was read and adopted.

Total number of delegates present, 103.

Notice was given by Mrs. L. P. Baker of the desire to make the following changes in the Constitution at the next annual meeting, one year hence.

The changes to be made in the Constitution at our next annual meeting, one year hence, are :—

That Articles IV and VI, instead of reading as they now stand, be changed to read as follows :

ARTICLE IV.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor ; all of which shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote.

ART. VI.—The Executive Board shall be elected annually by the officers of the Society, and shall have general direction and oversight of the interests of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings ; and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in each month, and, at other times, at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

That, in place of Article VII, a new article be inserted, and that it shall read as follows :

ART. VII.—The Advisory Board shall consist of one member from each church, and shall be elected annually by the Executive Board.

And, by these changes, Article VII becomes Article VIII, and that Article VIII becomes Article IX.

Further, that the By-Laws of our Society consist of eight paragraphs instead of nine, and that paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 8 be changed to read as follows :

PAR. 4.—It shall be the duty of each member of the Advisory Board to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church, and working for their individual success ; and, whenever possible, to

attend the regular Board meetings. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a brief report of our work in their churches.

PAR. 5.—The regular collections taken at all public meetings of the Society shall constitute a fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

PAR. 6.—The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the directions of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a monthly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

PAR. 8.—All circles contributing to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting with full privileges of membership.

Mrs. J. Sunderland read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted, the resolutions being voted on singly.

1st.—*Resolved*, That we recognize the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father in the gratifying success which has attended our work during the year just closed, in that we begin the new year with a hopeful outlook, and with so slight a deficit in our treasury; and that our State Convention has been able to considerably reduce its debt.

2d.—*Resolved*, That we greatly value the Home Mission work done by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wheeler and Chapel Car "Emmanuel," and recommend that wherever they organize churches or Sunday schools they seek to enlist women and children in mission work.

3d.—*Resolved*, In view of the fact that in a considerable number of our churches, even some of our larger ones, there are no Missionary Circles, we recommend that a working committee or organization be appointed whose duty it shall be to organize, if possible, a circle in every church.

4th.—*Resolved*, That we recommend the use of "Lay By" envelopes among the women of our churches, whether they are members of the circle or not.

5th.—Whereas, it has been found difficult to interest children in the general work of this Society; and, whereas, the children ought to be interested and instructed in the needs of the home fields as well as the foreign; *Resolved*, That we ask the Board to earnestly consider the engaging in some work which will appeal to the children, and for which they may become responsible.

6th.—*Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to the *Pacific Baptist* for its full publication of the missionary news in our State, and recommend that it be thoroughly read by all our sisters; that we believe it would be helpful to our work if there should be kept in the paper a standing directory in which should appear the names of our officers.

7th.—*Resolved*, That we most heartily endorse the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in its efforts to free our land from the curse of intemperance and social vice, and recommend the formation of church auxiliaries wherever practicable.

8th.—*Resolved*, That we send Christian greeting to our sister societies—the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of N. E., and the W. B. H. M. S. Headquarters at Chicago, which are soon to assemble in joint meeting at Saratoga, and bid them God speed in their great and glorious work.

Singing by Evangelist Norvell.

Address by Rev. C. C. X. Laws, of San Jose, upon work among the colored people.

Address by Rev. W. R. Connelly upon his work at Merced.

Address by Rev. N. Tychsen, of Oakland, in regard to the needs of the Scandinavians.

Mr. Adams gave a short talk about the work at Eureka.

After prayer, the meeting adjourned for one year.

IDA SPENCER,
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be called the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ART. II.—The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid the evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ART. III.—Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars, at any one time, or installments during the year.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice-Presidents *ex-officio* of this Socieiy.

ART. V.—This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place, to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ART. VI.—The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. The Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII.—In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ART. VIII.—Alternations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1.—Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4.—It shall be the duty of Associational Secretaries to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church in the Association, and working for their individual success; also to assist in the arrangements and make reports at the regular meetings of the Associational Society; confering freely with the Corresponding Secretary, and receiving through her help, advice and direction from the Board of Directors. These Secretaries, as well as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, shall make annual reports to the Society.

5.—The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a printing fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6.—The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

7.—The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8.—All circles contributing not less than $1 per member to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

9.—The duties of the Advisory Board shall be, whenever possible, to attend the regular Board meeting. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a brief report of our work in their churches.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the.....Baptist Church.

ART. II.—Its objects shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Womans' Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III.—Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV.—Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V.—Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be called the.....Mission Band of the.....Baptist Church.

ART. II.—Its objects shall be to develop an interest in the cause of missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III.—Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV.—Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those generally assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All money raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

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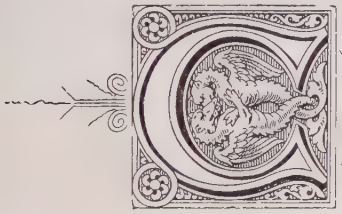

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II —FIELD.

The field of this Convention shall be all that portion of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment and maintainance of Baptist Churches, Sunday Schools, Missions at home and abroad, and denominational fellowship and growth.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Convention shall be composed as follows:—

1. Of Life Members. Any member of a regular Baptist church within the bounds of this Convention may become a life member by the payment of $25 within one Convention year.

2. Of Delegates from Regular Baptist Churches, as follows: Each church contributing to its funds within the current Convention year shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members.

3. Of Delegates from Baptist Associations: Each co-operating Association being entitled to send one delegate, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members.

4. Of Heads of Baptist Institutions of Learning and Official Representatives of Denominational Societies residing within the bounds of the Convention, including one person each from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission

Society of California, and from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, one Vice-President from each co-operating Association, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and eleven Directors, who shall be elected annually, by ballot, and who shall be the Board of Managers. Each co-operating Association may nominate its own Vice-President. No missionary of the Convention shall be a Director or Officer.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Convention and Board.

Each Vice-President shall be a Committee to co-operate with the Convention in his own Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and Board, take the necessary steps to secure statistics of the churches each year, and, with the co-operation of the Corresponding Secretary, publish an Annual, giving a full report of the work of the Convention, and the statistics of the Denomination within its bounds.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Convention and disburse the same only upon the order of the Board, hold his accounts open for inspection always, make reports to the Board quarterly, and a full report to the Convention annually. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall, at the discretion of the Board, give bonds, with sufficient securities for the faitnful discharge of the same.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

SECTION 1. The Board of Managers (seven of whom shall constitute a quorum) shall hold all property of the Convention, carry out its plans for co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Publication Society, in support of missionaries and colporteurs, transact all business committed to it by the Convention, and make a full written report at each annual meeting.

SECTION 2. They shall meet not later than the day of the adjournment of the Convention, and thereafter quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President at the written request of five members.

SECTION 3. They shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number.

SECTION 4. They shall appoint from their own number, at their first meeting each year, an Executive Committee of five members who shall be located with reference to facility of meeting together, to whom the Board may commit all business, *ad interim*, and who shall report to the Board quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII.—COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The following Committees for the session shall be appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of five persons each, except the last named committee, which shall be nominated from the floor, and consist of one person from each co-operating association viz:

1. On Arrangement for the Present Session.
2. On Place and Appointment for the next Annual Meeting.
3. On Important Subjects in the Report of the Board.
4. On Enrollment.
5. On Resolutions.
6. On Sunday Schools.
7. On Religious Literature.

8. On Obituaries.
9. On Nominations of Officers and Directors.

SECTION 2. The following Standing Committees of five persons each shall be appointed by the Convention each year, whose duty it shall be to foster the interests of the societies named, in connection with the official representatives of said Societies, and to present, at each annual meeting of the Convention, a carefully prepared report upon the same, viz:—

1. The American Baptist Missionary Union.
2. The American Baptist Home Missionary Society.
3. The American Baptist Publication Society.

ARTICLE IX.—ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1.—The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held at such a place as the Convention may determine, on the third Tuesday in June, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., or at such other time as it may direct.

SECTION 2.—The President, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary, shall constitute a Committee to prepare a programme for the next annual meeting in consultation with the Presidents of such societies as hold their annual meetings in connection with the Convention.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present; *provided*, one year's notice has been given of the proposed change; or, *provided*, it has been unanimously recommended by the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with appropriate devotional exercises, and all care shall be taken to promote spirituality during the session.
2. Articles IV., V., and VIII. of the Constitution and the By-Laws shall be read from the chair at the opening session of the Convention.
3. Visiting bretheren may be invited to seats, with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.
4. All committees shall be nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Convention, unless otherwise ordered.
5. No persons, except the one making the opening address, shall speak longer than five minutes, or more than three times upon the same motion, without leave from the body.
6. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall be the authority in conducting the business of the Convention.
7. The President of the Convention shall have power, upon the written request of not less then seven members of the Board, to change the place and time of the annual meeting.
8. The following shall be the general order of business:

(1.) The Annual Sermon shall be preached on the first evening of the Convention.

(2.) The election of officers shall not occur earlier than the forenoon of the third day of the Convention.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC CHURCH FINANCE.

The following suggestions and plan for the financial work of our churches is respectfully and earnestly submitted to the churches of Northern and Central California as the most practical, simple and complete known to us. It is believed that its general adoption would greatly facilitate the financial and benevolent work of our churches and largely increase their contributions.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. The absence of a clearly understood and business-like plan for its financial work is a source of weakness to any church which suffers it.

2. No church will do as well as it may for missions unless it has in successful operation a good financial plan for raising its "Home Expenses"

3. The best plan will include all regular expenses of the church in one fund, and provide for that fund by weekly collections.

4. For gathering offerings for missions, in the large majority of churches, the best practicable plan at present is to set apart a definite period of the year for each object to which the church votes to contribute to, during which period information shall be given and contributions solicited for that object from all persons in the church, Sunday school and congregation,

5. While not wishing to interfere with systems already adopted and in successful operation in any church, we strongly urge those churches which have no such system to carefully consider the following, and, we trust that, after thoughtful consideration of all interests involved, the order and periods hereafter described may be adopted by the churches of this Convention generally.

PLAN FOR CHURCH EXPENSES.

1. Each church should have a Finance Committee.

2. Previous to the annual meeting of the church, a careful and itemized estimate shall be made by the Finance Committee of the expenses of the church for the coming year; these expenses to include the parson's salary, sexton's salary, fuel, lights, repairs, Sunday school supplies, taxes, insurance, music, etc.

3. The Finance Committee shall make a prompt and complete canvass of the church and congregation, and continue the canvass through the year, as new members come in, asking pledges for weekly payments for the General Fund, out of which shall be paid all regular expenses of the church. These pledges shall hold good until notice of change is given to the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

4. At the annual meeting, the Finance Committee reports the names of all who have made such pledges, with the total amount pledged; also presents the itemized estimate of expenses for the coming year. If pledges are not sufficient, the church can determine whether to make further effort to increase them or reduce expenses.

5. Envelopes for weekly payments are provided, in which subscribers are expected to enclose, each week, the amount pledged, and place in the contribution box on Sunday.

6. Once in three months each subscriber is informed by the Treasurer of the state of his account with a receipt for what he has paid in, also the condition of the Churches treasury. If errors are found, promptly inform the Treasurer of the same.

7. If sickness or misfortune of any kind make it a hardship for any one to redeem pledges made, a statement of the case to the Finance Committee will receive kind consideration. and they will release part or all of the indebtedness, as the circumstances may justify.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1. The appointment of each church, at its annual meeting, of a Missionary Committee, who, with the pastor, shall have charge of gathering the offerings for missions of all kinds.

2. The year is divided into periods of three months each for the consideration of and raising offerings for the following objects, viz:

(1.) January, February and March: Foreign Missions; The American Baptist Missionary Union.

(2.) April, May and June: Sunday school, Bible, Chapel-car and Colportage work; The American Baptist Publication Society.

(3.) July, August and September: Ministerial Education and Support of California College.

(4.) October, November and December: State and Home Missions; The General Baptist Convention of California.

3. A public presentation of each object to be made early in the period devoted to that object.

4. Contributions to be solicited from every member of the church and congregation for each object by such methods as the Missionary Committee may choose. The canvass should be completed, and the money collected and paid over to the Treasurer of the church in season for him to forward to the proper society before the close of the three months assigned to that object.

5. It is recommended that envelopes, properly prepared for each object, be given out by the Missionary Committee at the beginning of each period, to each member and friend, with their names written upon them and the date when they should be returned, with the request to "Lay-by" in them as prospered, and to return them at the proper time. Such envelopes will be furnished gratis by the several societies upon an application to the proper officers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLES'S SOCIETY OFFERINGS.

1. Every one, in both Sunday school and Young People's Society, should be trained to aid in paying expenses, and to contribute to missions.

2. Sunday school expenses are provided for among "Regular Church Expenses." Nevertheless, it is deemed best that the weekly contributions of the school for two months of every three go to the treasury of the church for the "Regular Expenses" of the church.

3. Missionary contributions to be collected in the school for each mission cause during the first month of the three, in which that cause is considered by the church.

4. The Treasurer of the school to keep a record of the contributions of each class, and pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Church.

5. The Young People's Society to contribute to the same objects, and during the same periods, as the church; the contributions to be paid over to the church Treasurer and sent forward as the contributions of the church from the society.

6. No rules can be made for special contributions. They can only be planned as the Church, Young People's Society, or Sunday school may determine or occasion may arise.

THE DUTIES OF THE CHURCH TREASURER

Under this plan, will be as follows:

1. To receive all money for the general fund and for missions; to keep an account with each member and subscriber; to send out receipts with statements

of accounts; to make payments to the pastor and other persons statedly employed by the church, taking their receipts; to pay for Sunday school supplies upon the order of the Superintendent; and all other claims against the church, upon the order of the Chairman of the Committee or Trustees of the church, and to forward to the proper parties all missionary contributions placed in his hands, preserving receipts therefore.

2. To make a full statement of his accounts at the annual meeting, itemizing totals received for regular expenses, special expenses, and for each missionary cause, and how disbursed, the number and amount of pledges received from church members for each object, how many have paid in full, how many in part, and the total amount unpaid.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.,
Tuesday, June 25th, 1895.

The General Baptist Convention of California met this day in its Fourteenth Annual Session in the Auditorium of the Baptist Church at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, at 3 P. M.

The President, J. L. Lyon, called the Convention to order. The Convention opened with a service of prayer and praise led by Rev. F. M. Mitchell of San Jose. The following hymns were sung:—"Nearer my God to Thee" and "Jesus Saves," then prayers from several of the brethren were made, followed by Rev. F. M. Mitchell, who read Matt., 28th Chapter, followed by a prayer from Rev. M. P. Boynton and a hymn—"Rock of Ages"—and Brother F. M. Mitchell gave a short address, choosing as his text: "He goeth before you into Galilee." After he had finished prayer was offered by several of the brethren, and the service closed with singing the following hymns: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "Labor On," "The Banner of the Cross," "He Leadeth Me," "I am the Lord's and He is Mine."

The President then announced the following Committees:—

On Arrangements.—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Rev. C. M. Hill and S. A Wood.

On Enrollment—Rev E. B. Hatch, J. H. Garnett and W. R. Strong.

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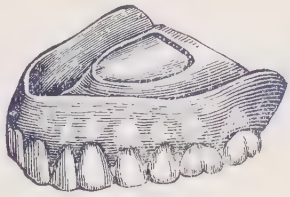

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After which, on motion, the Convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch, to meet at 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY EVENING 7.30.

The Convention was called to order by the President, J. L. Lyon. The Convention opened by a service of praise and a prayer from Rev. J. H. Reider of Sacramento, after which the President gave a short address of encouragement for us as Baptists in our work and standing in the State. After the close of the President's address, a few hymns were sung. Then came the time set for the Annual Sermon.

Rev. F. M. Mitchell, of San Jose, read Philippians, 2nd Chapter, for the lesson; after the reading a prayer was offered by Rev. John Barr, of San Jose. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. W. V. Gray of Morgan Hill. Text, Matt. 5: 14; Phil. 2: 14, 15, 16 vs.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings, that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world: holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."

Theme. The Word of Life.

After the sermon, Brother C. A. Wooddy of the "Pacific Baptist" addressed the Convention, on the work in Oregon, in a few brief remarks, and then the Convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. I. D. Wood of Fresno, to meet at 9 A. M., Wednesday, June 26th, 1895.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Alameda.—A. S. Sayle, Mrs. A. S. Sayle, Mrs. A. Larsen, Mrs C. White, Mrs. B. Fielding.
Anderson.—Rev. M. Slaughter.
Berkeley.—Mrs. A. F. Eldridge.
Ceres.—Rev. M. R. Wolfe.
Dixon.—Rev. R. T. Gray.
Fresno, First.—H. G. Dewitt, D. D.
Fresno, Emanuel.—Rev. I. D. Wood.
Gonzales.—Rev. J. M. Helsley.
King City.—Rev. W. F. Stone, Mrs. W. F. Stone.
Los Gatos.—Rev. S. B. Randall, C. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. C. H. Wheeler.
Madera.—Rev. Z. C. Rush.
Middletown.—No delegates present.

Mountain View, Memorial.—Rev. H. M. Henderson, Mrs. E. H. Hayden, Mrs. M. Burke, Mrs. A. M. Crittenden.

Morgan Hill.—Rev. W. V. Gray, Mrs. W. V. Gray.

Napa.—Rev. T. B. Hughes, T. N. Mount, Mrs. J. Knapp, Mrs. A. Norris, Allen Church.

Oakland, First.—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. D. H. Drake, J. L. Lyon, Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. J. L. Lyon, Mrs. M. M. Gray, Mrs. J. G. Ressiguie, Mrs. N. S. Douglas, Mrs. L. P. Baker, Miss M. Sears.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue.—Rev C. M. Hill, Capt. H. T. Waite, Roque Urive, Mrs. C. M. Hill, Mrs. M. A. Stratton, Mrs. J. Sunderland, Mrs. J. M. Robinson.

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue.—Rev. Robert Whitaker, S. B. Morse, D. D., Prof. J. T. Wallace, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, E. W. Darling, Mrs. E. W. Darling, Mrs. Robert Whitaker, Mrs. L. D. Inskeep, Miss Mary Bamford, Miss Wesley.

Oakland, Golden Gate.—Rev. E. H. Hayden, Mrs. C. H. Hallowell.

Oakland, Beth Eden.—Rev. J. L. Allen.

Oakland, Dano-Norwegian.—Rev. N. Tychsen, Rev. P. Peterson.

Oakland, Sweedish.—No delegates present.

Penryn.—H. E. Parker, Mrs. H. E. Parker.

Petaluma.—Rev. J. M. Green, Mrs. E. Thompson.

Red Bluff.—No delegates present.

Redding.—No delegates present.

Sacramento, Calvary.—Rev. J. H. Reider, W. R. Strong, D. C. Kimball, J. W. Hovridge, Robert Williamson, Geo. O. Hayford, Mrs. J. W. Hovridge, Mrs. Geo. O. Hayford.

Sacramento, First.—Rev. A. B. Banks, John Douglas, D. J. Davis, Mrs. A. B. Banks, Mrs. E. E. Milby, Mrs. A. Rumage, Miss A. L. Fassett.

Sacramento, Emanuel.—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, J. B. Chappell, Mrs. J. B. Chappell.

Salinas.—Rev. E. B. Hatch, Rev. G. P. Faw.

San Francisco, First.—Rev. M. P. Boynton, O. C. Pope, Mrs. M. P. Boynton, Mrs. E. F. Joy, Mrs. N. Brace, Mrs. H. T. Norris, Miss L. Brace.

San Francisco, Emanuel.—Rev. J. George Gibson.

San Francisco, Hamilton Square.—Mrs. J. Wilson.

San Francisco, Third.—Rev. Geo. E. Duncan, Mrs. Geo. E. Duncan.

San Francisco, Chinese.—H. F. Norris, Miss M. J. Aimes.

San Francisco, German.—No delegates present.

San Francisco, First Sweedish.—No delegates present.

San Lucas.—Rev. W. F. Stone, Mrs. W. F. Stone.

Sanger.—Rev. E. A. Leonard.

San Jose.—Rev. H. E. Adams.

San Jose, First.—Rev. F. M. Mitchell, J. H. Garnett, Frank Wells, A. J. Heavner, Judge John Reynolds, S. B. Hukins, Mrs. O. Sproat, Mrs. L. H. Benton, Miss May Adams.

San Jose, Emanuel.—Rev. John Barr, Rev. L. Mitchell, F. A. Curtis, Mrs. F. A. Curtis.

Santa Clara.—No delegates present.

Santa Cruz, First.—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, L. B. Hatch, W. Howell, Mrs. O. E. Meder, Mrs. L. C. Pray.

Santa Cruz, Second.—D. J. Brook, John Dymot.

San Pablo.—Miss T. Boquet.

Santa Rosa.—Rev. H. B. Turner, Mrs. H. B. Turner, Miss E. J. Holman, Miss K. Preston, Miss M. Wright, Miss A. Hall.

St. Helena.—No delegates present.

Stockton, First.—Mrs. C. J. Dorr, Mrs. A. C. Ralph.

Sonora.—Rev. N. C. Hansen.

Ukiah.—Rev. W. A. Lindsay.

Vacaville.—Rev. S. C. Keetch, G. A. Powers, Mrs. T. F. Pinkham.

Vallejo, Cornell Church.—No delegates present.
Willows.—Rev. J. F. Moody.
Wights, Temple Grove.—Rev. R. D. Clark, H. T. Hite, Mrs. J. R. Hite.
Pacific Baptist.—C. A. Wooddy.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26., 9 A. M.

The President called the Convention to order at 9.00 A. M. The Convention opened with a brief service of praise and prayer, singing, "Every Day and Hour", "Oh for a Closer Walk with God" and prayers from several of the brethren. At 9.30, in the absence of the Treasurer of the Convention, he not being able to attend this year, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, read the Treasurer's Report, and on motion the report was referred to an Auditing Committee, and if found correct, to be received and adopted. The President appointed the following brethren to serve on the Auditing Committee, namely:

Geo. O. Hayford,	Sacramento
H. E. Parker,	Penryn
H. F. Norris,	San Francisco.

At 9.30, the Report of the Board of Managers was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, and, on motion, it was received and adopted.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA.

With hearts full of grateful praise to the Great Head of the Church for His abundant and conspicuous mercies during another year, the Fourteenth Annual Report is respectfully submitted.

Amid sickness and death, the ranks of our Board and of our Missionary Staff have been untouched.

Amid financial depression and disaster, our work has still prospered and we close the year with a small balance on the right side of the ledger, so far as the expenses of the current year are concerned.

Amid scenes of sin, the spiritual results, indicated by the number of baptisms by missionaries, have exceeded those of any former year, save one, in the history of our Conventional Missionary Work.

Briefly summarized, the figures concerning the work of the year ending

April 1st 1895, are as follows:

Total appropriations for Missionary Work, $8686. 33.

Number of Missionaries during all or part of the year, not including missionaries whose quarter had begun, but not ended until after April 1st, 24.

Weeks of labor by these 24 Missionaries, 97.

Sermons preached, 2720.

Religious visits, 6678.

Prayer meetings attended, 1570.

Baptisms, 151.

Received by letter and experience, 181.

Total membership of Mission Churches, 1113.

Total membership of Sunday Schools, 1400.

These figures but partially represent an amount of missionary services, wise, faithful, and efficient to an unusual degree. Our Missionaries are conspicuous for their consecration. for their self sacrifice, and for their success. They richly deserve our prayers and our praises. The results of the year have proved them to be workmen who need not be ashamed.

The Corresponding Secretary's Ninth Annual Report of work in part is as follows:

Weeks of service, 52

Sermons and Addresses, 119.

Meetings attended otherwise, 290.

Letters and postals written, 1622.

Miles traveled, 9675.

Traveling, (Hotels, etc.) $96.00.

Stationery, printing, etc., $28.40.

Postage, telegrams, expressage, etc. $28.45.

The foregoing statement, of necessity, shows but a small part of the actual work accomplished in assisting churches to get on without asking the Board for help, in securing lots for church purposes in new towns, in assisting churches to secure pastors, and in many ways conserving the interests of our denomination.

THE FIELD AND THE MISSIONARIES.

The following is a list of Mission Churches, names of Missionaries, time of service, and amount appropriated for the year ending April 1st, 1895.

Churches.	Missionaries.	Time of Service.	Amount Appropriated.
Auburn & Penryn	J. E. Beach	12 mos.	$ 300.00
Berkeley	W. C. Learned	12 "	300.00
Biggs	W. F. Stone	3 "	25.00
Eureka	E. T. Sandford	12 "	300.00
Lakeport & Middleton	C. W. Hayward	11 "	183.33
Madera	Z. C. Rush	12 "	175.00
Morgan Hill	W. V. Gray	2 "	41.67
Mountain View	E. H. Hayden	9 "	200.00
Napa	A. J. Sturtevant	2 "	33.03
Beth Eden, Oakland	R. A. McGuin	6 "	180.00
	J. L. Allen	6 "	180.00
Dano-Norwegian, Oakland	N. Tychsen	12 "	450.00
Petaluma	J. M. Green	6 "	60.00
Emanuel, Sacramento	A. J. Sturtevant	6 "	100.00
Antioch, San Jose	C. C. X. Laws	12 "	100.00
Sweedish, San Francisco	C. M. Nelson	12 "	500.00
Hamilton Square, San Francisco	A. M. Russell	12 "	300.00
Vacaville	S. C. Keetch	12 "	150.00

The District Missionaries have been as follows:

Central California -	I. D. Wood -	12	" -	$1000.00
Northern California -	J. S. Norvell	9	" - -	750.00
Edifice Work - -	W. R. Connelly	3	" - -	200.00
Humboldt & W. Mendicino Co.	H. E. Adams	8	" - -	433.33
Sweedish Work - -	J. O. Johnson	11	" - -	733.33
" " - -	L. E. Nelson	1	" - -	66.67
Dano-Norwegian Work -	P. Peterson -	5	" - -	166.67
City Mission, Alameda Co. one half time . .	L. T. Bush -	5	" - -	208.33

Two churches, Napa and Biggs, have become self-supporting; three, Vacaville, Madera and Dano-Norwegian, have asked for less aid.

CHURCH EDIFICE MATTERS.

In the line of Church Edifice work we have done less than usual. Several churches that intended to build have been hindered on account of the hard times. Yet the past year has not been altogether barren in results. Two good buildings have been completed and paid for—King City and Morgan Hill. The church work, in each place, until recently without a pastor, is now conducted by efficient men. The King City church is self-supporting, being united in pastoral service with San Lucas. The amount given to the Morgan Hill edifice was $200.00 and to King City, $300.00. The total value of these chapels with the lots is $3500.00. In neither case could these edifices have been built without aid, and without an edifice our work was sure to fail in both cases. With God's blessing we shall continue, as now, the leading denomination in each place. The fate of our cause, in many a place on our field, hangs to day on the question of obtaining a suitable edifice.

The incompleted edifice at Merced has been finished and paid for, thanks to the aid rendered by our loyal helpers of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Regular preaching services each week with prayer meetings and Sunday schools are maintained by the noble veteran Soldier of the Cross, Rev. Eli Rees. The outlook for this work is especially promising in many ways.

OTHER CHURCH PROPERTY.

The property at Nevada City, held by your Board, remains the same as last year. The town and vicinity are now again in a prosperous condition, owing to the wonderful revival of mining interests. It is hoped that in the near future regular services may be resumed and a church organized. To this end arrangements have been completed to begin the work next week under Rev. D. H. Griggs of Illinois, who has had long and successful experience in resuscitating fields of this kind. In this service his excellent wife will assist. They ask no help from the Board.

The property of the Good Hope Church, near Sanger, to which reference was made in last years report has now passed into the hands of the Convention. [N. B. See minutes of 1894.]

During the year our church at Modesto having become practically extinct and the property being in jeopardy by reason of a debt of $350.00, your Board took a deed for the same in the name of the Corresponding Secretary, in trust. The property thus saved by the payment, from the Edifice Fund, of $350.00 with the lot, is easily worth $1000.00,

Several other church properties might wisely be placed in charge of the Convention. Our churches at Redwood City, Yountville and Ione have about lost their identity. The membership in each case, so far as known, is less than one-half dozen. They have had no service in several years. Peculiar circumstances preclude the likelihood of an early resuscitation of these churches. Their properties might well be turned over to your Board before the removal by death, or otherwise, of the few remaining members.

NEW FEATURES.

The missionary work of the year has assumed several new features. These may be enumerated as follows:

1st. Financially: The Home Mission Society of New York by reason of the large and unexpected debt was obliged to reduce its apropriations to the Western Conventions. The reduction in our case took effect October 1st. 1894. The amount was $500.00. Since October 1st, the amount available, on condition of our raising the pro rata, has been at the rate of $6500.00 per annum.

2nd. The work among the Colored People of our Convention has grown to considerable proportions within the past two years. It has been impossible to make appropriations for the support of pastor in more than two of the ten churches needing assistance. To meet in part the needs of these fields, an arrangement was effected October 1st, by which Rev. J. L. Allen, Missionary Pastor of the Beth Eden Church, Oakland, has spent a portion of his time in District Missionary Work. In this way helpful assistance has been rendered at several points, and the future is full of promise.

3rd. Co-operation with the American Baptist Missionary Publication Society in Missionary Work was provided for in the Constitution adopted last year. This plan has been made successfully operative, as will be seen by the Report of the Standing Committee on A. B. P. Society. Our Convention is to be congratulated on thus adding a new department to its work Our thanks are also due, and are hereby heartily tendered to our new found friend and benefactor, the American Baptist Publication Society.

4th. Until this year we have done no general work among the many thousands of Dano-Norwegians within the bounds of our Convention. Early last fall, the Holy Spirst seemed to indicate by special providence, His desire that such work should be begun immediately. Accordingly Rev. P. Peterson was appointed, with head quarters at Watsonville, where there were some six hundred of his people without evangelical preaching. At an aggregate salary of only $400.00, this self-sacrificing missionary, cultured and competent, is preaching the pure Word of God to hundreds of his countrymen who otherwise would have no man to care for their souls. He worked in Salinas, Chualar and Gonzales and will soon spend some weeks in the Northern portion of the State.

5th. A feature of the year's work is in the large reduction in our District Missionary force, made necessary by the inability our people to supply the funds needful; thus were closed the labors of Rev. W. B. Connelly, H. E. Adams, J. S. Norvell and J. O. Johnson.

6th, The Chinese Work. Hitherto this work has been conducted by the Home Mission Society, independent of local Convention Boards. This plan was discontinued May 1st, 1895. The new plan places the work among the Chinese under the supervision of the Boards and Corresponding Secretaries of each Pacific Coast Convention. The support of the work being fully borne by the Society as heretofore. This work thus turned over to our Convention includes the following Missions: San Francisco, Sacramento, Oakland, Chico, Fresno and Visalia; with mission buildings in San Francisco and Fresno. In San Francisco we have a church of forty members: Rev. Tong Kit Hing being the beloved Missionary Pastor. Deacon Chow Lung, a most consecrated and faithful brother, is the General District Missionary, Brother H. F. Norris, the former Superintendent for the Coast, continues his useful and hearty connection with the work, being superintendent of the San Francisco Mission alone.

OUR HELPMEET.

In all the work of our Convention, from the very beginning, the Woman's Home Mission Society of California, has been an inspiration. In sympathy, in prayers, in offerings these successors of Dorcas have borne their full share of service. Aside from the missionaries whom they have helped to support.

many a sanctuary, now the home of a happy church, is due, in large part, to their aid. We call to witness to day edifices at Bakersfield, Merced, Waterford, Redding, Antioch, King City, and Dinuba. Their contributions are among the surest sources of income to our treasury. This year they have contributed to the Missionary Fund $516.59; to the Edifice Fund $161.95, and in other ways (clothing and household supplies) $604.00. But for the assistance last named some of our most worthy ministers would have been compelled to leave their fields. All hail to these noble sisters who have become our fellow-helpers unto the truth.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

We are under renewed and annually increasing obligations to our ever faithful friend, the A. B. H. M. Society. For missionary purposes, the amount placed at our disposal was $6625.00, with the one condition that we raise the needful pro rata. In addition to this has been $375.00 for edifice work. We are especially grateful, also, for the continuous assistance and wise counsel of the District Superintendent, Rev. H. C. Woods. And we appreciate most highly the encouraging presence on our field, for a few days, during the Fall, of the honored Field Secretary, Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D.

For several years a debt of varying amount has been borne for our Convention by the Society, not only the debt, but the interest also. By reason of the accumulating obligations of the Society on account of the debts of several Western Conventions, it became necessary for the Society to ask these Conventions to carry the interest on their respective debts. Accordingly a note for $4747.24, bearing interest at 7 per cent, from November 1st, 1894, was given to the Society by your Board. This transaction is only just to our eastern brothers, to whom we are under lasting obligations of gratitude for their benefaction during nearly half a century.

It is the belief of your Board that the work of the Society, in its larger field beyond our State, especially among Mexico's millions, should receive the practical help of ou California Baptist Brotherhood. Not less help for our own Convention work is our privilege, but also in some measure are we debtors to the unwise and the barbarous of our sister republic.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY WORK.

The great value of District Missionary Work, it may be said the paramount value of District Missionary Work, has been fully demonstrated in our own State and in others. It is significant that our largest number of baptisms has been in the years when we have had the largest number of missionaries. The District Missionary has his distinct office. He is neither a pastor, an evangelist, nor an edifice builder; he is any one or all of these combined as occasion may require. His chief work is to do that which must be done but which will go undone unless he goes and does it. He is a pioneer; he is a John the Baptist; he prepares the way for the pastor and the evangelist; he groups small, pastorless churches into circuits and assists them to secure competent pastors; he seeks out new fields and pre-empts them for Christ and for our denomination; his work is unique; it is indispensible.

Your Board expresses the conviction that this method of work should be greatly enlarged and improved. With joy and gratitude we make mention in this connection of the results achieved during the past five years in Central California.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

Reviewing the year as a whole, it may be characterized in a sentence. Its trials have been the greatest in our history and so also have been its triumphs. We have never had so many pastoral changes in a single year. The drouth and consequent failure of crops in Central California made it impossible for all

but a very few of our churches to retain their pastors. The general financial depression was never more keenly felt; the hearts of men failed them for fear. Some of our faithful servants of God have not known where they should get the next meal for themselves and families, yet there has been no lack of loyalty and of self sacrafice among our brethren on these destitute fields. Manfully have they stood by their posts of duty— most of them unaided by the money which our churces did not place at the disposal of the Board. God has greatly honored His Name through their service and their faith. The results of the year both spiritually and financially show our denomination to be the stronger for this time of testing. Never but once have there been so many baptisms in our Mission Churches. Our hope is bright, our courage strong and our faith founded on the Rock of Ages. Financially, our debt, June 1st, 1894, was more than $4000 00. It is now a little less than the sum named.

In closing this report shall we now turn our eyes to the future?

1. What of our debt? It is large; it must never grow larger; it draws 7 per cent interest, it rests upon our whole Convention, upon every Association, every church, every member; it hinders our work; it stands between us and our enlarged missionary operations to which God, by his Providence, is unmistakably calling us. If this debt were paid we would not be confined to co-operation on the basis of dollar for dollar, with our association. Shall we now begin this very year and reduce this debt $1000.00? Shall we not trust in God and try to do it?

2. In the year to come, what of the missionary contributions? A year ago you resolved to divide the year into four parts; beginning in October with your Convention Home Mission Work. Some of the churches have fallen right into line; others are trying to catch the step and they bid fair to succeed. The work of the past year was greatly hindered by reason of the uncertainty caused by the failure of some of the churches to collect the funds during the time set apart for this purpose. We bespeak for the incoming Board your unanimous action as churches and as individuals.

3. We call your attention to the forty-four houseless churches, who look to us for assistance. Ten of them will build this year if they can have only a little help; within a fortnight four of the ten have made application and all four are upon fields without a house of any denomination. Especial attention is directed to the Sweedish Church of San Francisco. The sixty members of that church with wonderful consecration of substance have already subscribed nearly $4000.00. They will need $6000.00 more. We recommend that our churches raise $1000.00 for this purpose, subject to the rules of the Church Edifice Fund.

4. The whitest fields for missionary effort ever presented to our view are now waiting the sickle and the reaper. The early completion of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad will place upon us the responsibility of twenty or thirty new towns. The mining sections of our State are intrinsic with life and permanent activity. Away from our railroads, the rural districts are scarcely touched by any denomination. Vast numbers of foreigners of many tongues are ready to hear the Gospel if presented in their own language.

The forces of the Prince of Darkness are organized and aggressive. What shall be the attitude of the Children of Light? Shall we simply sing "Hold the Fort"? Shall it not rather be "Storm the Fort"? Trusting in the God of our salvation for victory through His truth preached fully and faithfully in the demonstration of the Spirit and the Power,

Rev. W. H. LATOURETTE,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Report of the Committee on the American Baptist Home Mission Society was read by the chairman of the Committee, Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

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REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The record of one more year's work of our American Baptist Home Mission Society, within the bounds of this Convention, has closed, clearly indicating that the Society is, in fact, the Nineteenth Century response to the Macedonian Cry. (Acts, 16: 9-10.)

It is not only a time honored, but a God honored agency for the spread of the gospel and the evangelization, first of North America and ventually of the whole world.

This worthy Society should be more fully honored by all of our churches, by our prayers and liberal contributions. Much has been done in the various departments, educational, church building, the supply of missionary pastors, district missionaries and efficient General Secretaries, the work has, in fact, been limited only through the lack of money.

Resolved, Therefore, that we pray, not only to our Lord, to send more laborers into the great ripened harvest field, but that He may also and especially bestow upon us and all our churches, abundantly, the grace of liberality and increase our confidence in the means of Divine appointment in fulfilling the Great Commission to the World.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. F. S. Lawrence }
W. R. Strong } Committee.

And on motion, the report was unanimously received and adopted as read.

The President at this time read the list of Committees as prepared by him and, on motion, they were so chosen by the Convention to serve as said Committees:

On Time, Preacher and Place.—Revs. C. H. Hobart, John Barr, R. D. Clark, A. J. Sturtevant and Prof. J. D. Wallace.

On Important Points.—Revs. Robert Whitaker, I. D. Wood, F. M. Mitchell, S. B. Randall and Bro. H. F. Norris.

On Resolutions.—Revs. M. P. Boynton, J. H. Reider, S. B. Morse, D. D., Bros. A. S. Sayle and N. C. Hansen

On Sunday Schools.—Revs. J. Sunderland. D. D., G. S. Abbott D. D., T. B. Hughes, S. C. Keetch and Bro. F. A. Curtis.

On Religious Literature.—Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Revs. H. G. De Witt, Z. C. Rush, W. H. Latourette and Bro. C. H. Wheeler.

On Obituaries.—Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. J. L. Lyon, Mrs. E. F. Joy, Miss Mary Bamford and Mrs. L. D. Inskeep.

The Report of the Committee on the American Baptist Publication Society was read by the Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Latourette and, on motion, was received and adopted as read.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY AND COLPORTAGE.

Your committee appointed last year to arrange with the Publication Society for the appointment of Colporteurs and to superintend the work submits the following report:

After corresponding with Dr. Bitting, we secured an appropration in books to the value of $900, to be divided equally between three Colporteurs, one for Southern California, one for Central California and one for Northern California. Having no organic connection with the Southern Convention, the appointing and superintending of a Colporteur was left, of course with the officers of that body. For Central and Northern California, the committee appointed Rev. W. E. Adams and Rev. B. F. Farmer. The Executive Committee of the Central Association assumed the management of brother Farmer and his work. Brother Farmer's Commission by the society was granted for six months, commencing with the first of November, 1894, and books, to the amount of $150, were sent to him at Eureka. He reports as follows for the six months:

Miles traveled, 185.
Bibles sold, 3.
Books sold, 5.
Sermons preached, 165.
Addresses, 27.
Prayer meetings held, 55.
Families visited, 155.
Letters written, 87.
Baptized, 5.
Converts, 65.
Money collected, $100.
Balance due, $50.

All tracts sent were distributed and many books and bibles given away.

The Committee believing that the Colporteur, as well as other missionaries of the Convention, should be under the control of the Missionary Board, has turned the work over to it. The Publication Society granted books for a year's time of service. As only half of the time has been served by Brother Farmer the society will send the remainder of the books when a man has been secured to serve the rest of the term. The Committee would urge the selection of a man fitted for the work as soon as possible.

In conclusion we emphasize the importance of sustaining the work of the Publication Society for the following reasons:

1. It is a Bible Society. It is doing more than any other agency to preserve the real meaning of the Scriptures, in seeing that correct translations are secured; it is reducing the cost of publishing the Scriptures, and so reducing the price; it is giving away thousands of copies of the Old and New Testaments every year, thus supplying the destitute with the word of God Himself.

2. It is a Book Society. Its publications are of the highest order; it supplies the denomination with just what is needed and with what it cannot get elsewhere.

3. It is a Tract Society. "Without money and without price" it is scattering leaflets of Gospel Truth far and wide like the flakes of snow. These truths falling silently on hearts, hitherto untouched, melt into them and become part of them. It would require many volumes to simply name the thousands of conversions that may be traced directly to the influence of tracts, without mentioning the churches and Sunday-schools that have been organized by these converts.

4. It is a Missionary Society. Its missionaries are necessarily of the Christ order. They go about doing good; they have gone into 1,289,167 families; they have organized thousands of churches and Sunday-schools. Many of them know what it is to endure hardness and to deny self; they have the spirit of *going;* they go to individuals and do a *personal* work; they go to the *destitute* in the highways and hedges; they go on foot, on horseback, on boats, in sleighs and in palace cars.

5. It is a growing society. It is constantly out growing itself, it is soon to erect a new building; it has dedicated its fourth Chapel Car and will build a fifth; it has extended its work to all sections and color of our home land and

into England, Germany, Sweden and New Zealand; it has grown until we begin to ask, where will it stop?

6. It is a Baptist Society. If Baptists intend to stand by their guns, now is the time. The Publication Society is one of our biggest and most effective guns. In the coming struggle for religious liberty we shall need all the help we can get. About all we have now is religious tolerance; when the victory is won, as it must be, by the principles we cherish, we shall find out how much we are indebted to the literature of our great Publication Society.

7. It is an immortal society. Its work will live; in its books we have treasured up the best that was in the lives of the saints. Churches may seem to die, but they do not. Our great leaders may fall before us, but they rise again in their memories kept in books. The Griffiths, the Bittings and the Rowlands may go home to glory, but their work on earth continues. The society will continue to have a building, a purpose, its missionaries, a history. Men may come and men may go, but the society goes on forever.

Rev. W. T. JORDAN, Chairman.

10:45: An address by Rev. S. B. Randall of Los Gatos was the next in order.

Hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung and prayer by Rev. Frank M. Mitchell. Rev. S. B. Randall read for his texts: Gen. 5:21-24; Jude 14-16; Heb. 11:56. The title, "Walking with God." Subject, "Enoch." Rev. Mr. Randall gave a very instructive address. When he had finished the convention adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. George Gibson of San Francisco, to meet at 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 26.

2 P. M.: The convention was called to order by the President, J. L. Lyon, at 2 P. M.; singing hymn, "To the Work," and prayer by Bro. N. C. Hansen of Sonora, after which the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, introduced the following brethren to the convention: Revs. E. A. Leonard, R. D. Clark, C. Spurgeon Medhurst, M. R. Wolf, P. Peterson, A. B. Banks, U. Gregory, J. George Gibson, H. M. Henderson, J. M. Daniels, J. R. Allen, W. F. Stone and N. C. Hansen.

The report of the Committee on Important Points was presented and read by Rev. Robert Whitaker.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORTANT POINTS IN THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

1. We note with joy and gratitude the increase of contributions, notwithstanding hard times. Under God this is due we believe to the adoption in many churches of the financial plan submitted and recommended by the

board (see Minutes of 1894, folio 13 to 16 inclusive, also to be had of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette).

No point is more important than the adoption of this plan by all the churches. Such an advance in the direction of systematic benevolence would increase the receipts so much as to warrant very liberal expenditures, where now a forced parsimony hinders and paralyzes our work.

2. An increase more notable and more to be emphasized is the increase in the number of baptisms. This is due to the blessing of God upon the faithful labors of faithful men. We believe that the enlargement of our district missionary work would greatly increase the number of conversions. We ought to have more men engaged in this work, and should be able to increase their equipment through a more liberal compensation. Much might also be done in a spiritual way by an increase of the numbers of Colporteurs at work. The great opportunity for the gathering of people to hear the gospel is in our country districts, where many will come for miles to hear the Word. Every honorable and Christian motive should lead us to multiply the workers in this very fruitful and much neglected department of evangelical effort.

3. We heartily commend the effort to reduce the Convention debt $1000. The effort ought to be made as a matter of right, and also as a proof of faith in accordance with the Word, which ever encourages us to launch out into the deep. We also urge that the churches liberally respond to the needs of the First Swedish Church of San Francisco, and would ask that its energetic and self-sacrificing pastor be given abundant opportunity to make the needs of the church known to our people.

4 Over one-fourth of the churches of this Convention are homeless. The house of worship is a very large factor in any permanent and progressive church work. We therefore emphasize the great importance of a more general interest in and contributions to the Church Edifice Fund. Every dollar given for this work is an investment of the safest and most profitable kind.

5. And last of all, we ask the prayers of all our people for the missionary work of the board. We are too apt to neglect this ever important part of all truly spiritual work in the presence of business and personal considerations.

But only as much prayer is made will any deep and abiding interest prevail, and the Lord of the harvest will be entreated for the showers of blessing without which our best endeavors are in vain.

Rev. Robert Whitaker,
Rev. I. D. Wood,
Bro. H. F. Norris.
Committee.

On motion the report was received and thrown open for discussion. Many of the brethren present took part. After they were through the report was adopted as read.

At 3 P. M. addresses from the missionaries on the field were made by Revs. P. Peterson, I. D. Wood, M. Slaughter, J. L. Allen and Bro. H. F. Norris, after which the hymns "Loving Kindness" and "He Leadeth Me" were sung.

The Committee on Enrollment presented its report through J. H. Garnett, and on motion it was referred back to the committee for further additions.

On motion the following was adopted: That the names of all delegates that were not present at the convention be stricken out and not printed in the minutes, and the Committee was asked to erase all such absentees, to report only the names of delegates that were in attendance at the convention, and these names only were to be printed in the annual.

On motion adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Geo. E. Duncan of San Francisco, to meet at 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, 1895.

The President called the convention to order at 7:30 P. M., according to adjournment. Hymns—"Near the Cross," "More Love to Thee," "Precious Name"—were sung, followed by prayer from Rev. M. Slaughter of Anderson, after which Rev. C. M. Hill of Oakland delivered a short address on "California as a Missionary Field." Hymn, "The Banner of the Cross," was sung, then Rev. A. B. Banks delivered an address on "Our Responsibility for the Cultivation of this Field." Hymns—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "There is Sunshine in My Soul"— were sung. The subjects were thrown open for discussion. Many of the brethren took part in discussing them. When they were through the President announced the following to serve on the committee on nominations of officers for the ensuing year, namely: Revs. Robert Whitaker, Z. C. Rush, M. Slaughter, S. B. Randall, N. Tychsen, Mrs. Holman and Mrs. L. P. Baker

On motion, they were so chosen to serve as Committee on Nominations, and the first one named on the committee was chosen to be its Chairman.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer by Rev. A. B. Banks, to meet on Friday, June 28th, at 9:30 A. M., the next day—Thursday—being given over to the Baptist Historical Society and the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1895.

The convention was called to order by the President at 9:30 A. M. and opened the convention in a service of praise and prayer. Hymns—"Jesus is Calling," "Precious Name"—were sung and prayer by Rev. H. B. Turner of Santa Rosa.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented and read by Mrs. C. H. Hobart, and on motion was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

An unusually long list of those who have gone to their reward is reported this year. We extend to the churches and relatives of the deceased our sincerest sympathy, and pause to add their names to the number of those who are "With the Lord."

"GONE HOME."

Alameda—MISS MINNIE PARKS, MRS. MARY CLARK, MRS. T. F. BARRETT, MRS. JENNIE O. HYDE.

Beth Eden, Oakland—MRS. CORDELIA AUGUSTUS, WM. MCKINNEY, THOMAS WALLS.

Cornell Baptist Church, Vallejo—REV. ALEXANDER MANUEL, MISS IDA D. BILLING, MRS. LYDIA A. VOORHEES, MRS. HARRIET KING.

Calvary, Sacramento—MISS BERTIE DAUL, MRS. JAS. A. DAVIS, MRS. ANA HERR, MRS. P. ORTH.

Caspar—MRS. L. BROWN.

Dano-Norwegian, Oakland—MRS. C. JEPSON.

Dixon—MRS. EMMA HALL, MRS. F. THOMPSON.

Emanuel, Sacramento—F. H. L. WEBER, MRS. F. H. L. WEBER, CONRAD CLINCH, MRS. M. A. BURNEY, LUM LEN BOW.

Emanuel, San Francisco—MRS. A. P. BRIDGES, MISS M. WILLIAMSON.

First, Fresno—S. H. WILLIAMS.

First, Oakland—MRS. D. PATTISON, MRS. S. HAVENS, MRS. N. BIGLEY, JAS. DALZIEL, REV. E. H. GRAY D. D.

First, San Francisco—WILLIE DENKER, B. F. HENRY, MRS. J. POTWIN, MRS. A. D. BREUNNING, MRS. M. E. GRAY.

First, Santa Cruz, LAWRENCE POLLARD.

First, San Jose—C. S. SUTTON, MISS IDA M. WOOD, MRS. A. C. CHETWOOD, MRS. M. C. COTTRELL.

"GONE HOME."

First, Stockton—MRS. A. HOOK, MRS. D. SARLES.

Gonzales—MRS. A. NORTON.

Kibesillah—CHAS. HASKINS.

Los Gatos—F. M. SMALL, MRS. B. BROWNING, MRS. M. JARBOE.

Madera—MRS. T. J. FORD.

Morgan Hill—O. G. MALONE.

Memorial Church, Mountain View—MRS. S. B. MASON.

Napa—T. G. GREENFIELD, MRS. NANCY LINN.

Reno—R. W. ASH, ALEX. MCGREGOR, MRS. F. COOK, MRS. W. W. MORTEN, MRS. J. ARMSTRONG, MRS. F. E. WARD.

Second, Stockton—MRS. N. SUBLETT.

San Pablo—C. JOHNSTON, A. BUTSON, MRS. A. MCLELLAN.

Sonora—LOUIS PETERSON.

Tulare—MRS. M. LANE.

Third, San Francisco—MRS. J. FREEMAN.

Tenth Avenue, Oakland—F. C. BROUGHER, MRS. S. R. MATHEWS, MRS. A. BROWN.

Twenty-third Avenue, Oakland—N. J. THOMPSON, MRS. M. M. GAMBLE, MRS. J. T. YARRINGTON SR.

Vacaville—MRS. L. KORN.

Willits—D. F. VINCENT, MRS. WM. HOPPER.

Willows—MRS. F. THOMAS.

Among those who have passed into rest since the last meeting of the convention is to be named Rev. E. H. Gray. D. D. In his death our whole State has suffered a serious loss. He came to California in 1877 and soon after decided to make these western shores his home. "My object in coming," to quote his own words, uttered at his jubilee anniversary, "was especially to labor with feeble and pastorless churches; to strengthen the weak churches and assist those with vacant pulpits to obtain supplies and pastors." His

labors here were abundant and markedly helpful to our cause. He brought to his work the ripe experience and wisdom of years combined with the ardent enthusiasm of youth. He was a diligent and conscientious worker. Whatever he did, he did well. The last years of his life were devoted to the work of theological instruction, in which field he manifested a rare adaptability. He lived to a good old age and died in the harness. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. HOBART,
MRS. J. L. LYON,
MRS. E. F. JOY,
MISS BAMFORD,
MRS. L. D. INSKEEP,
Committee.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. C. M. Hill. The Committee on Resolutions reported through its chairman, Rev. M. P. Boynton, and on motion the report was referred back to the Committee to frame resolutions on the observance of the Christian Sabbath and the temperance question, and the Committee was granted further time.

Rev. Robert Whitaker read a communication from a meeting of the ministers present at the Convention to the Convention, as follows:

A RECOMMENDATION.

A Committee appointed by the pastors and ministers recommend the Convention to adopt a resolution in relation to the proposed visit of the Anniversaries to this coast.

On motion it was voted that the Convention Board be a Committee on Arrangements, with power to add such members as they desire, to act in conjunction with Committees from other Conventions on this coast, to make whatever arrangements the coming of the Anniversaries may make advisable, and that the Board at once memorialize the several denominational societies in the East to the end that we may make sure of the meeting of the Anniversaries at Portland next year a success.

After remarks from many of the brethren present the recommendation was on motion received and adopted as read.

On motion, twenty minutes were granted for the presentation of the needs and plans of the *Pacific Baptist*, which were very ably set forth by Bro. C. A Wooddy.

The Committee on Resolutions again presented its report, which was thrown open for discussion, and on motion was received after being amended by inserting the words "by vote" after "voice and pen" in the Ninth Resolution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: 1. That the churches of this Convention give California College a place in their benevolent work by setting apart at least one Sunday,

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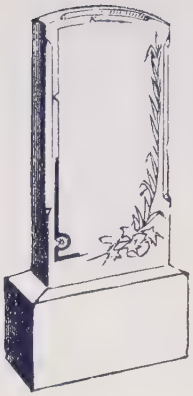

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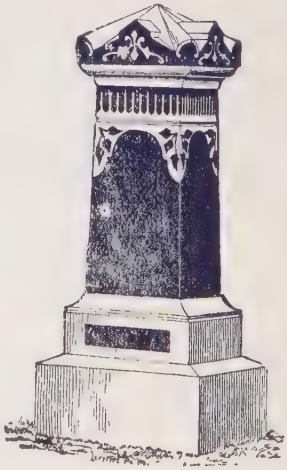

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2. That we consider the work of providing meeting-houses for the homeless Baptist churches of this Convention to be of the greatest importance and recommend that the offering for that purpose be as liberal as possible this coming year.

3. That we pledge our heartiest co-operation to the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society and the American Baptist Publication Society, and extend to them our congratulations for the grand work accomplished during the past year.

4. That we realize the necessity of a Baptist paper upon this Coast, trust that the *Pacific Baptist* will receive the cordial support of all our churches and do most heartily recommend it to every Baptist family on this Coast.

5. That we urge upon the churches of this Convention the adoption of some systematic plan for raising funds to carry on the many lines of work of our great denomination and to that end recommend the plan presented to the Convention last year.

6. That we hail with delight the prospect of having our National Anniversary meetings held upon this Coast next year.

7. That we extend to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Francisco and its pastor our deep sympathy and earnest prayers in this the hour of their greatest trial.

8. That it is the sense of this Convention that it would be unwise to establish a professorship of any kind in any school save a Baptist one.

9. That, as members of this Convention, we are most bitterly opposed to the un-American saloon and the liquor traffic, and that we will by voice, pen, vote and example do all in our power to drive this hydra-headed monster from our Coast.

10. That we very greatly regret the disregard of the Lord's Day on this Coast, and do most earnestly urge the true observance of the Christian Sabbath.

11. That we extend to the railroads our thanks for the courtesy shown in reduced rates to this Convention.

REV. M. P. BOYNTON,
REV. S. B. MORSE D. D.,
REV. J. H. REIDER,
A. S. SAYLE,
N. C. HANSEN,
Committee.

11:15 A. M.: The time set apart for a sermon by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, a hymn, "Draw Me Nearer," was sung. Rev. F. S. Lawrence read for the Scripture lesson 1 Cor. 11:20, and prayer was made by Rev. S. C. Keetch, and Rev. A. J. Sturtevant delivered his sermon. Text, 1 Cor. 11:26; subject, "Restricted Communion," or "The Lord's Supper." After he had finished the President announced the following committees for the ensuing year, and on motion the committees as given were chosen to serve for the ensuing year:

On "The American Baptist Missionary Union"—Revs. C. M. Hill, A. Sjolander, S. B. Randall, C. H. Hobart and J. H. Reider.

On "The American Baptist Publication Society"—Revs. M P. Boynton, W. T. Jordan, F. M. Mitchell, A. B. Banks and Bro. Geo. O. Hayford.

On "The American Baptist Home Mission Society"— Revs. F. S. Lawrence, A. J. Sturtevant, S. C. Keetch, Robert Whitaker and Bro. W. R. Strong.

After which adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., to meet at 3:15 P. M.

Friday Afternoon, June 28, 1895.

The Convention was called to order at 3:15 P. M. by the President. Opened with singing hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by C. A. Wooddy of the *Pacific Baptist.*

On motion Rev. Henry Varley was granted as much time as he wanted to address the Convention, and he gave a very earnest and instructive discourse on "The Effect of the Second Coming of Christ on the Missionary Work." After he had finished, the report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was read by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, and on motion the report was received and adopted as to time and preacher. On motion made and carried, the whole matter as to the place of meeting the next year was referred to the Board of Managers of the Convention with full power to act.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

1. Your Committee recommend that the Convention meet at the time fixed by the Convention. If, however, the National Anniversaries should be held at Portland next year, we recommend that the time of meeting be left with the Executive Committee, with the added recommendation that the date be fixed at such time following those meetings as shall give opportunity for visiting brethren from the East to unite with us.

2. We recommend that Rev. W. T. Jordan be the preacher, with Rev. I. D. Wood as alternate.

REV. C. H. HOBART,
REV. JOHN BARR,
REV. R. D. CLARK,
REV. A. J. STURTEVANT,
PROF. L. D. INSKEEP,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Nomination for Officers to serve during the ensuing year was read by Rev. M. Slaughter, the

Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Robt. Whitaker, being absent. On motion the report was received.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as officers of our Convention the following brethren:

President—Rev. C. M. Hill.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

REV. ROBERT WHITAKER,
REV. M. SLAUGHTER,
REV. Z. C. RUSH,
REV. S. B. RANDALL,
E. J. HOLMAN,
MRS. L. P. BAKER,
Committee.

On motion the Recording Secretary was chosen to cast the ballots for the officers as reported. He did so and the President announced them duly elected.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by Prof. L. D. Inskeep, and on motion the report was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Religious literature is easily classified as bound books, pamphlets, tracts, magazines, local weekly papers, young people's papers and Sunday-school supplies.

We feel the need of a reliable church history from a New Testament standpoint, and of a more thorough acquaintance with those now existing. The censorship, which parents and guardians should exercise over the books read by the youth and by themselves, may not properly be confined to the imprint of the publisher, for even our Baptist Publication Society in attempting to teach kindness to domestic animals errs when, in "Beautiful Joe," abuse of a man and his family is given as a just recompense for clipping the tail and ears of a dog. The five-cent pamphlets on doctrinal and definitive topics from the A. B. P. S. will delight you in fruit if you will use them. The *Pacific Baptist* deserves your support in paid-up subscriptions, careful reading and news before it is old.

We hear good reports from our Missionary Societies given by our own people. We should take the "Home Mission Monthly" and "The Baptist Missionary Magazine" and be posted, so that much matter now necessary in the reports would be known to every one of us.

The Baptist Young People have but one paper, "The Baptist Union" of Chicago, Ill. This is peculiarly our paper, for its Funding Fund is now about $35,000.00 and the remaining $15,000.00 is expected to be raised by the Baltimore Convention on July 18th to 21st. "The Baptist Union" is not a pleasure or story paper, it is a part of the Baptist educational system: it is prompt in information on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Educational Society; is not sectional, with about 30,000 subscribers and a small army of regular correspondents from all America. To one who knows all Sunday-school supplies, those of the A. B. P. S. are acknowledged to be the best. If you have not preferred them you have not fully studied them before trying to use them. If one works in a Union Sunday-school our supplies will help the teaching of a New Testament life and experience.

Respectfully submitted,
PROF. L. D. INSKEEP,
CHAS. H. WHEELER,
REV. W. H. LATOURETTE,
REV. Z. C. RUSH,
Committee.

Time was now given to discussion on the "Pacific Baptist," and many of the brethren took part. A collection was taken up in behalf of the paper. Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. John Barr, to meet at 7:15 P. M.

Friday Evening, June 28, 1895.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 7:15 P. M. and opened with a praise service, singing the following hymns- "Follow On," "Down in the Valley," "Overflowing Ever," "Lo! a Fountain Full and Free" and prayer by Rev. W. V. Gray.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. S B. Randall.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The dealings of God with our mission work in the distant fields give us great occasion for thanksgiving; the debt of the Missionary Union lessened by the contributions of the churches and still further by recent legacies; the war in the East concluded with the promise of still more widely opened doors in

Japan, China and Corea; the abundant blessing of God on the work of our beloved missionaries; 11,791 baptisms reported from the field of the Missionary Union, and the progress of the native churches toward self-support, surely are causes for great rejoicing.

But God's blessings are the measure of what He expects from us and call for a deeper devotion on our part to the most Christ-like work of the ages—evangelizing all nations and teaching them to observe all things that Christ has recommended.

There is a background to this picture; the crushing debt has during the past year caused retrenchment instead of needed enlargement. Over-worked missionaries have cried in vain for re-enforcements. Scores of faithful Christian workers, ready and longing to preach Christ in the regions beyond, have been forbidden by the lack of funds. Opened doors have loudly appealed for aggressive advance, only to be met by a depleted treasury. Hundreds of millions go out into the darkness without having heard that a Christ has died for them, and enough to make the heart of the Savior bleed afresh and to force on us the question whether the church of Christ has been more than "playing at missions." The gifts for the Master's work are very inadequate to the needs and disproportional to the treasures which has been entrusted to the Stewards of His family in America. God is not opening China for naught; opportunities do not last always. If we refuse to enter open doors, to others will be given the honor. What is needed is a consecration—not to any debt, not to a society, but to the Lord of the harvest—of ourselves, our money, our all.

There is encouragement in the report from California. In addition to the gift of $13,000.00 from Mrs. Gray of Oakland, Northern and Central California increased its offering by about 40 per cent, giving $2,860.61, the whole State contributing $6,045.00. There is also an advance indicated in the interest of the Sunday-school and Young People's Societies. Shall not the present record show still further improvement in systematic giving, in daily prayers for the workers and the fields, and in results of the seed sown?

REV. A. SJOLANDER,
REV. W. T. JORDAN,
REV. S. B. RANDALL,
Committee.

Duets were sung by Rev. J. George Gibson and D. J. Davis.

On motion: Time was granted to-morrow morning, Saturday, June 29th, at 11:30 o'clock, to Rev. J. George Gibson to give to the Convention a statement of the needs, desires and necessities of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Francisco

An address by Rev J. Sunderland, D. D., on Foreign Missions was the next in order, after which a trio sung by Rev. J. George Gibson, D. J. Davis and C. A. Wooddy; then an address by Rev. D. H. Drake on "The Present Condition and Prospects of the Telegu Fields," followed by a solo by Rev. J. George Gibson, and Rev. C. Spurgeon Medhurst gave an address on "Stray Leaves from my Chinese Journal."

A condensed report of the Baptist Resort was read by Prof. L. D. Inskeep; and H. E. Parker, the new President of the Resort, delivered a short address, and at the close a collection was taken up to help defray the cost of a new pump that had to be procured for the Resort.

A hymn was sung, "Awake my Soul," and then Rev. Henry

Varley gave a short address on "Salvation." Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. S. C. Keetch, to meet at 9:30 A. M., Saturday.

Saturday, June 29, 1895.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 9:30 A. M. and opened by singing "Near the Cross," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," and prayers by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., and H. E. Adams.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday school Work was read by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., and on motion was received and thrown open for discussion, in which many of the brethren took part, after which it was, on motion made and carried, adopted as read.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to present the following report:

Boston W. Smith, the honored servant of the American Baptist Publication Society for the West, says: "There are thousands of our Baptist churches which report no Sunday-school work at all. There are thousands of neighborhoods where Sunday-schools should and could be organized if we had more money to send Sunday-school missionaries into this great work."

Rev. J. A. Bromley, D. D., has just passed away and among his latest utterances was this: "*I think the real temper and promise of a church may be tried by three tests, the prayer meeting, the Sunday-school and contributions to foreign missions.*" With these agreeing testimonies to the place and value of the Sunday-school, we submit the following resolutions:

1. That Sunday-schools on a sure Baptist basis may and should be found in all the churches and neighborhoods in this Convention field.

2 That "Union Schools" would hardly be justified at all did regular Baptists less frequently consent to *irregular denominational work*, by the planting of their own denominational schools.

3. That any and every demand for Mission Schools in the large centers of our population should have an immediate supply.

4. That, in meeting this demand, it should never be forgotten that our country schools furnish the basis of supplies for the Kingdom of God.

5. That the great work of the Sunday-school is to save the souls of the children and youth committed to its care, and to begin the first work, in a wise and lasting growth, in divine things.

6. That as Baptists we should give to our schools a thoroughly healthful indoctrination, not only in the doctrines of grace but also in the ordinances and polity of the New Testament church.

7. That your Committee believes that quality of instruction in our Sunday-schools is a vastly more detaining force than quantity.

8. That in the choice of Infant Teaching the very best material of the whole school should be drawn upon.

9. That Sunday-school Institutes in our Associations might well be held again.

10. That, even if money is absent, Baptist Sunday-schools may and should be planted.

11. That Sunday-school Conventions, as heretofore, ought to be held, by the appointment of committees, by the several Associations, and these would also greatly help in our Sunday-school work.

12. That attractiveness, especially by music and graded cards, might be introduced more widely than now.

13. That in our serious judgment, after a wide observation, that all of our Sunday-school officials owe it to themselves to be personally identified by membership with the churches they serve.

14. That permanency of position should be the sure award for all tried and faithful services in our Sunday-schools, either as Superintendent or teacher.

15. That the Young People of our Sunday-schools and churches should be inspired to large Sunday-school extension in all of our towns and cities.

16. That our churches have actually no right to depend on our schools in payment of their expenses.

17. That it is a splendid witness to a good Sunday-school to see it turning its benevolences outside of its own center.

18. That the study of the Bible gives to our schools a claim second to none in this Convention. For this we are grateful for all the Sunday-school considerations that come from its hands.

REV. G. S. ABBOTT,
REV. J. SUNDERLAND. D. D.,
F. A. CURTIS,
Committee.

An address on "Responsibility of the Teacher in the Sunday-School" written by Prof J. M. Davis of Oakland and a short synopsis of an address on "How to Hold The Pupil" by Mrs J. S. Eastwood of Fresno were read by the Recording Secretary, O. C. Pope.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was, on motion, adopted as read.

On motion time was given to addresses on Colportage and Missionary Work. Rev. H. E. Adams gave a short history of his work in Northern California.

According to the motion made the day before, Rev. J. George Gibson was given the floor to present the situation and needs of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Francisco to the Convention. He did so; after he had finished, the following resolutions were, on motion, unanimously adopted by the Convention.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That we feel most deeply the financial embarrassment upon the Emmanuel Baptist Church of San Francisco, an embarrassment greatly increased by the awful calamity which has recently fallen upon them.

Resolved: That we believe the time has come to lift the debt, and we urge that the work be undertaken at once, and we will most heartily co-operate in any plan which the church and the Ministerial Union of San Francisco and vicinity will adopt to this end.

Resolved: That we heartily commend our brother, Rev. J. George Gibson, pastor of the Emmanuel Church of San Francisco, to all of our churches in leading this undertaking.

After prayer by Rev. C. Spurgeon Medhurst, the Convention adjourned to meet in session next year. 1896.

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REPORT OF TREASURER, GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA, 1894-1895.

May 15, To Balance Forward per last Report		$ 997 75	
" Receipts per list herewith, Miss'ry Fund		3618 26	
" " " " " Edifice Fund		302 43	
By Disbursements: Warrant, Oak. Enquirer			$ 19 25
" Minutes			137 25
" Good Hope			350 00
" Z. N. Goldsby			11 00
" Secty. Gen. Exp.			20 00
" " Expense			20 00
Remittances to New York			1150 00
Sundry Expenses			2 45
Edifice Fund acct. Nev. City			18 15
" " " "			16 00
" " Tax. Good Hope			3 50
" " " Nev. City			9 75
" " Modesto Prop			352 70
" " Insur. Modesto			6 25
Harvest Home Programs			18 39
Ed. Fund, Chapel Day Env.			6 00
Paid Missionaries: H. E. Adams			92 00
J. L. Allen			37 00
John Barr			11 00
L. T. Bush			97 00
W. R. Connelly			29 00
J. M. Green			25 00
J. O. Johnson			250 00
W. H. Latourette			860 38
C. M. Nelson			13 00
L. E. Nelson			120 00
J. S. Norvell			364 75
P. Petersen			28 40
Z. C. Rush			25 00
A. M. Russell			40 00
E. T. Sandford			22 00
I. D. Wood			184 65
Colporteur B. F. Farmer			100 00
To Edifice Fund, Oakland Bank of Savings		702 70	
Balance			1181 27
		$5621 14	$5621 14

RECEIPTS

Church	Missionary Fund	Edifice Fund
Alameda	$ 34 00	.....
Atwater	5 15	.....
Athlone	9 30	.....
Anderson	3 35	.....
Armona	5 55	.....
Auburn	10 00	.....
Alameda County City Mission Union	97 00	.....
Berkeley	21 00	.....
*Biggs	8 00	.....
Caruthers	3 50	.....
" B. Y. P. U	1 00	.....
Caspar	20 00	.....
Central Association	13 00	.....
Chico Male Mission Band	4 00	.....
*Cohassett	14 00	.....
Dinuba	.....	40 00
*Dixon	110 75	.....
Eureka	72 00	.....
*Exeter	21 75	.....
Fresno, Emmanuel Church	34 30	.....
Fresno	3 00	.....
Fort Bragg	18 55	.....
Golden Gate	14 75	.....
Hanford	14 00	.....
Healdsburg	10 00	.....
Lakeport	30 00	.....
*Lindsey	6 45	.....
Lodi	50	.....
Los Gatos	20 00	.....
" Y. P. S. C. E	3 25	.....
Madera	20 00	.....
*Merced	52 00	.....
Middletown	14 00	.....
*Morgan Hill	6 70	.....
*Mountain View	6 00	.....
" B. Y. P. U	2 55	.....
Napa	38 00	.....
*New Hope	6 25	.....
Oakland, First Church	241 19	.....
" Tenth Avenue	65 00	.....
" Twenty-third Avenue	75 10	.....
" Beth Eden	8 00	.....
" Danish-Norwegian	26 50	.....
Ono	2 00	.....
*Orland	40 00	.....
Orosi	8 50	.....
Penryn	25 00	.....
Petaluma	19 00	.....
Point Arena	2 00	.....
*Polasky	11 20	.....
Red Bluff	16 00	.....
Redding	9 25	.....
Reedley	1 50	.....
San Francisco, First Church	124 90	.....

Church	Missionary	Edifice
San Francisco, Third "	7 55	
" Hamilton Square	52 25	
* " Swedish	133 00	
San Jose First Church	40 00	
" Emmanuel	11 00	
" " B. Y. P. U	5 00	
" Antioch	5 05	
Salinas	10 00	
Sacramento, First Church	25 00	
" Calvary	40 00	
" Emmanuel	76 00	
" River Association	5 00	
Santa Clara	11 25	
Santa Cruz, First Church	17 00	
Santa Rosa	28 55	
Sonora	6 50	
*Stockton, Second Church	21 15	
" Third "	4 35	
Swedish Missionary Society	250 00	
Vacaville	35 00	
Vallejo	9 00	
*Willows	134 24	
" B. Y. P. U	13 60	
*Winters	54 30	
Woman's Home Missionary Society of California	516 59	161 95
Sunday Contributors: Miss M. J. Ames, S. F	1 00	
Mrs. Clay, Oakland	5 00	
Mrs. E. C. Dallas, Waterford	5 00	
Mrs. H. A. Evarts, Woodland	50	
M. L. Featherstone, Goshen	2 00	
W. L. Gaston, Vallejo	7 50	
Mrs P. C. Haley, Alameda	6 00	
F. Kelly, Caspar	76 45	
Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Redding	1 00	
J. S. Norvell	5095	
Jno. H. Stegeman & Wife, Folsom	3 00	
Collections: At Convention '94	8 30	
By H. E. Adams	92 00	
" Peter Petersen	24 65	
Acct. Advertising—Minutes	95 35	
" Interest	60	
" Sale of Harness	2 50	
" Gift	3 75	
Home Mission Monthly	2 00	
Returned on acct. Nevada City Taxes		5 15
Names not recorded	36 20	

Sunday School	Har. Home	Chap. Day
Alameda	$ 9 50	$ 6 75
Anderson	3 35	
Berkeley	2 85	
Chico	11 11	4 10
Cottonwood		86
Dinuba	1 50	1 00
Eureka		2 30
Golden Gate	6 20	3 75
Gonzales	10 00	

Sunday School	Har. Home	Chap. Day
Healdsburg	.....	2 40
King City	.....	2 00
Lakeport	.....	2 55
Los Gatos	9 00	9 25
Madera	.....	1 25
Middletown	1 25	1 50
Mountain View	3 45	1 00
Oakland, First	14 50	.....
" Tenth Avenue	.....	5 00
" Twenty-third Avenue	7 02	2 50
" Beth Eden	2 75	.....
" West Oakland Mission	5 75	.....
Petaluma	3 00	.....
Redding	.....	3 50
San Francisco, First	14 10	.....
" Hamilton Square	12 80	3 05
Sacramento, Calvary	.....	11 13
" Emmanuel	6 21	6 12
Sanger	.....	1 00
San Jose, Emmanuel	4 25	.....
" First	.....	4 30
Santa Clara	5 00	1 10
San Pablo	.....	2 00
Salinas	6 30	.....
Santa Rosa	.....	3 07
Santa Clara	4 49	.....
Stockton, First	.....	2 80
Tulare	2 30	1 90
Vacaville	3 05	.....
Wheatland	.....	4 00
Willows	4 60	.....
Woodland	.....	5 15
	154 33	95 33
Publication Society: Colporteur Fund		100
		$3618 26 $302 43

RECAPITULATION

	Missionary	Edifice
Balance per Last Quarter	$ 623 15	$ 474 60
Receipts	3618 26	1005 11
	$4241 41	$1479 71
Disbursements	3577 52	762 35
	$ 663 89	$ 717 36

COLPORTEUR FUND—PUBLICATION SOCIETY

Receipts	$ 100 00	.....
Disbursements	100 00	.....

A note for $4747.24, dated March 25th, 1895, payable four months after date, was given the New York Board in settlement of balance due from this Convention at the close of the Home Mission Society's year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed, C. F. BAKER,
Treasurer.

E. & O. E. San Francisco, Cal., June 24, 1895.

TWIN LAKES,
June 27, 1895.

The undersigned, as an Auditing Committee of the Treasurer's Report, have compared the Vouchers with the Statement of Disbursements and find all correct.

Signed, GEO. O. HAYFORD,
H. E. PARKER,
Committee.

(*) Part of this amount was paid by the church for services rendered by missionaries to said church.

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REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY—Continued.

TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS	Number of Churches.	MEMBERSHIP.					PROPERTY.				
		Baptised during the Year.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Net Gain.	Present Membership.	Valuation of Meeting House.	Valuation of Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	Improvement During the Year.	Seating Capacity.
Central	26	238	551	404	147	3,775	$285,600 00	$3,650 00	$43,863 30	$8,153 85	7,094
Clear Lake	13	43	155	35	126	721	10,500 00	300 00	800 00	.....	1,000
Pacific	14	137	282	120	162	1,465	61,650 00	5,000 00	230 00	1,171 58	3,450
Sacramento River	17	92	133	79	54	871	22,700 00	650 00	760 00	679 60	360
*San Joaquin Valley	22	60	140	108	32	1,153	8,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	350
South Central	17	71	200	82	118	1,222	76,700 00	2,944 50	2,980 00	400 00	2,575
Western	8	20	40	11	29	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Un-Associated Churches	5	21	49	.....	49	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	122	682	1,550	839	717	9,386	$465,150 00	$13 544 50	$48,633 30	$10,405 03	14,829

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY—Continued.

TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS	WORSHIP.		BENEVOLENCES.									
	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expense Annually.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	City Missions.	State Missions.	California Chinese Missions.	A. B. Pub. Society Gen'l Dept.	A. B. Pub. Society Bible Dept.	Education.	Church Building.	Other Benevolences.
Central	$17,927 80	$13,638 17	$1,891 08	$1,080 39	$790 15	$262 55	$15 00	$98 42	$32 85	$102 04	$3,695 15	$1,116 37
Clear Lake	1,808 80	844 50	34 00	152 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	311 00
Pacific	10,061 30	1,579 10	398 82	277 65	.....	80 15	17 00	13 20	1 65	51 45	1,820 65	350 89
Sacramento River	4,129 00	466 55	89 45	47 90	.....	.....	.....	4 20	12 00	.....	90 00	67 80
*San Joaquin Valley	.....	*5,226 44	137 08	143 75	.....	7 25	.....	13 30	9 55	.....	48 00	44 10
South Central	5,616 62	4,336 37	417 22	194 00	39 25	71 30	.....	7 65	10 95	6 00	773 46	72 25
Western	.....	113 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Un-Associated Churches	.....	380 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$39,543 52	$26,584 38	$2,977 65	$1,896 29	$829 40	$421 25	$32 00	$141 77	$67 00	$159 49	$6,427 26	$1,962 41

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SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

ASSOCIATIONS	Number of School	Enrolled. Officers and Teachers.	Enrolled. Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Baptised during the year.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Library.	Annual Expense of School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Foreign Missions.	A. B. Home Mission Society.	City Missions.	State Missions	California Chinese Missions	A. B. Pub. Society General Department.	A. B. Pub. Society Bible Department.	Higher Education.	Church Building.	B.Y.P.U.&C.E.Soc. Number.	Membership.	Amount Raised
Central	28	305	2856	1893	79	3651	$1075 00	$2349 12	$117 61	$29 90	$75 80	$27 90	.....	$30 22	$31 95	$1 00	$65 50	18	710	$432 95
Clear Lake	9	59	464	365	20	80	15 00	132 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	100	30 00
Pacific	15	136	836	760	34	675	255 00	616 46	30 67	7 85	.....	1 20	.....	9 25	1 65	.....	16 89	12	324	490 85
Sacramento River	8	66	137	281	17	132	47 50	117 60	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	5 00	5	130	.....
San Joaquin Valley	19	36	360	259	11	218	75 00	120 00	8 00	3 00	.....	7 25	.....	8 75	7 00	.....	.....	13	158	27 50
South Central	17	145	858	826	26	951	415 00	728 12	14 72	16 55	.....	6 30	.....	17 65	10 95	.....	6 46	6	157	120 75
Western	6	25	156	96	.....	62	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Un-Associated Churches	5	47	153	137	10	.....	.....	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	.....
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Laws, C. C. X. ..... Sacramento
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MINUTES

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ, CO,
June 25th, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the General Baptist Convention of California was held on June 25th, 1895. Present: J. L. Lyon, President; Revs. J. F. Moody, W. H. Latourette, C. M. Hill, F. S. Lawrence, Bros. Z. N. Goldsby and O. C. Pope, ex-officio Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the President in the chair.

The Report of the Board of Managers was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and on motion it was adopted as read, and to be given to the General Convention as the Report of the Board for the years 1894 and 1895.

On motion a Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. C. M. Hill, J. F. Moody and F. S. Lawrence to examine into and adjust matters in relation to the churches at Fresno and to report the result to the Board at its next meeting, to be held in the month of September, 1895.

No more business coming up the Board adjourned.

O. C. POPE,
Ex-officio Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO.,
June 27th, 1895.

A meeting of the Baptist Education Society was called to order by the President, L. D. Inskeep, at 7:30 P. M.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. M. P. Boynton. On motion a Committee of three was appointed to nominate Managers for the class whose time expire in 1895. The Chair appointed the following to compose said Committee: Rev. J. H. Reider, Prof. J. T. Wallace and Judge John Reynolds.

At this point of procedure the Society gave way to the Theological Union, who occupied the time for the next hour. After the Theological Union had finished, the Education Society re-convened. The Committee on nomination reported as follows: For Managers for the class whose term expires in 1895, Dr. I. S. Eschleman, W. R. Gallup and Rev A. J. Sturtevant; to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. E. H. Gray, Rev. Robert Whitaker was nominated. On motion the report was received and adopted and the nominees declared elected to fill said places.

Remarks were made by Revs. S. B. Morse, D.D., A. B. Banks, Robert Whitaker, M. P. Boynton, Prof. L. D. Inskeep, Prof. J. T. Wallace, S. F. Langford and N. C. Hansen.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. H. Reider.

PROF. L. D. INSKEEP,
President.

REV. A. J. STURTEVANT
Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The name of the organization shall be the Baptist Education Society of Central and Northern California.

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be the fostering of institutions of learning in Central and Northern California, under Baptist auspices, by public meetings, the dissemination of information bearing upon Christian education, the collection of funds for the prosecution of the work, and for the sustaining of Baptist schools, and for aiding students approved by the Board.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Every Regular Baptist Church in California, north of the southern boundary of Monterey and Tulare counties, shall be entitled to send three delegates; every church in this district having more than one hundred members shall be entitled to two additional delegates.

SEC. 2. Any individual may become a member for one year by paying $5 to the Treasurer for this purpose, and a continuous member by the payment of $25. The $25 may be given in partial payments, but no continuous membership shall begin until the whole amount has been paid.

ARTICLE IV—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Managers, consisting of nine members. At the first election three shall be chosen for one year, three for two years, and three for three years. At every succeeding annual election three shall be chosen to fill the vacancies of expired terms.

SEC. 2. This Board, at the earliest convenience after the Annual Convention, shall organize by electing a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary and a Treasurer.

SEC. 3. This Board of Managers shall be the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. Whenever any one is elected a member of the Board of Managers he shall become thereby a member of the Society to the end of his term of office; *provided*, he is not already a continuous member.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS.

The *officers* of the Board of Managers shall be the Officers of the Society.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the Officers and the Executive Committee shall be those usually prescribed. Vacancies in the Committee may be filled by the Committee until the next annual meeting thereafter.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. The Society shall hold an annual meeting in connection with the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California, and shall receive reports from the Trustees of the schools fostered and from the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. At this meeting the Society shall nominate Trustees for all schools fostered.

SEC. 3. At the same meeting the Society shall nominate one or more delegates to the A. B. E. S., according to Art. III, Sec. 2, of that Society.

SEC. 4. It shall be the business of this Society to hold meetings annually, in connection with all the Associations in its district, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made.

SEC. 5. Special meetings of the Society may be held at the call of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 6. The Executive Committee shall prepare the programme for all meetings.

ARTICLE VIII—APPROPRIATIONS.

All moneys collected undesignated shall be invested or appropriated as directed by the Board, but designated funds shall be appropriated according to the designation, or shall be returned to the donors.

ARTICLE IX—QUORUM.

A majority of members present at any meeting, regularly called, shall constitute a quorum of the Society. A majority of all members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS.

These rules may be altered, amended or enlarged, at any meeting of the Society regularly called, by a two-thirds vote of those present at said meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO.,
June 27, 1895.

There being no quorum, and the President not being able to attend, no meeting was called. The same officers will hold until the next year.

John F. Pope, President; H. E. McCune and W. R. Strong, Vice-Presidents; O. C. Pope, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

I. This Society shall be called "The Baptist Historical Society of California."

II. The object of this Society shall be—

(1) To collect and preserve documents of interest pertaining to the history of our denomination, past and present, especially in the State of California.

(2) To encourage by such means as may be found practicable an interest in such history.

III. (1) The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing of some Baptist church. The President and Secretary shall make an annual report to the Society.

(2) The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be those usually appertaining to such officers.

(3) The Secretary and Treasurer shall have charge of all documents and moneys belonging to the Society, classifying and filing them duly.

IV. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of 25 cents per annum, and a life member by the payment of $10.00 at any one time.

V. The Society shall hold its annual session at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Convention, at which addresses, essays, etc., may be presented.

MINUTES

OF THE

PACIFIC BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL UNION

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

H. L. Gear,	President.
Rev. C. H. Hobart,	Corresponding Secretary.
Rev. Robert Whitaker,	Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. C. M. Hill,	Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.,
Rev J. F. Moody,	Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Rev. W. H. Latourette,	Rev. Geo. E. Duncan,
Rev. J. H. Reider,	Rev. R. G. Gray,
Rev. Robert Whitaker,	Rev. H. L. Gear,

C. F. Baker.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO ,
7:30 P. M., Thursday, July 27, 1895.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union of California was called to order by H. L. Gear, the President of the Board of Directors. After devotional exercises the report of the Treasurer, C. F. Baker, was read by the Secretary.

The Chair appointed Geo. O. Hayford and Prof. J. T. Wallace as an Auditing Committee to audit the Treasurer's report. The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. H. Hobart, was then read, and ordered to be placed on file.

Rev. W. H. Latourette and J. H. Garnett were appointed by the Chair to wait on the audience and solicit members for the Union. The Chair ruled, in response to questions, that all ministers engaged in ministerial work, whether settled as pastors or not, were

entitled to membership without the payment of dues, but that licentiates were not included.

The following brethren paid $1.00 each and were enrolled as members: H. L. Gear, D. C. Kimberly and Judge John Reynolds.

Revs. Z. C. Rush, A. J. Sturtevant and M. P. Boynton were appointed to serve on a Committee on Nominations. The Committee reported the following persons to serve as the Board of Directors: Revs. C. M. Hill, J. Sunderland, D. D., J. F. Moody, S. B. Randall, Geo. E. Duncan, S. B. Morse, D. D., J. H. Reider, R. D. Gray, A. B. Banks, Robert Whitaker and H. L. Gear.

The above were declared duly elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year.

After which a general and lively discussion on the question of Christian education occurred, in which Revs. S. B. Morse, D. D., A. B. Banks, Z. C. Rush, J. Sunderland, D. D., Robert Whitaker, Judge John Reynolds, J. H. Garnett and C. A. Wooddy took part; after which the meeting adjourned.

ROBERT WHITAKER,
Secretary.

Friday June 28, 1895.

The newly elected Board of Directors met at 11 A. M. to complete their organization. H. L. Gear was elected President and Rev. Robert Whitaker, Secretary.

Brethren C. M. Hill, J. H. Reider, A. B. Banks, S. B. Randall. Geo. E. Duncan and S. B. Morse, D. D., tendered their resignations. The resignations of Revs. S. B. Randall, A. B. Banks and S. B, Morse, D. D., were accepted, and C. F. Baker, Revs. C. H. Hobart and W. H. Latourette were elected to fill the vacancies. The resignation of Rev. Geo. E. Duncan was laid on the table; Revs. C. M. Hill and J. H. Reider were retained, so that the Board of Directors now consists of the following members: Revs. C. M. Hill, J. Sunderland, D. D., J. F. Moody, C. H. Hobart, W. H. Latourette, Geo. E. Duncan, J. H. Reider, R. D. Gray, Robert Whitaker, H. L. Gear and C. F. Baker.

Rev. C. H. Hobart was elected to serve as Corresponding Secretary and C. F. Baker Treasurer.

Adjourned.

ROBERT WHITAKER,
Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST RESORT.

Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz,
Santa Cruz Co.,
June 27, 1895.

Annual meeting called to order by President W. H. Latourette; roll-call showing quorum was present.

The report from Secretary L. D. Inskeep for the Board of Directors showed there had been since last report four meetings of Directors, and three called by the Secretary with no quorum responding. Further, that there are unsold in subdivision No. 1, 4 lots at $250.00; 1 lot at $100.00; ½ lot at $150.00; 3 lots at $200.00 in subdivision No. 6, unsold, 4 lots at $200.00. In addition to subdivision No. 6, 42 lots at $200.00; which, with bills receivable of about $1600.00, show assets to be realized for $12,560.00. [This does not include, in the estimate, the property never to be sold, viz: the hotel and site worth $5,200.00, Auditorium worth over $7,100.00 and water-front worth at least $5,000.] The liabilities are $7,000.00.

Trustees were elected for years 1895–6, Mrs. M. M. Gray, H. E. Parker, W. H. Latourette, C. H. Hobart, W. R. Strong, G. O. Hayford, D. C. Kimberly, S. A. Wood, Mrs. J. G. Resseguie, A. J. Sturtevant, E. W. Darling, who organized by electing H. E. Parker President and Rev. C. H. Hobart, Secretary.

Adjourned.

Lorenzo D. Inskeep,
Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES' UNION

OF

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN

CALIFORNIA

OFFICERS.

President, D. J. Davis, Sacramento.
Recording Secretary, Miss May Adams, San Jose,
Corresponding Secretary, Geo. M. Purnell, Sacramento.
Treasurer, Frank Wells, San Jose.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO.,
June 27, 1895.

The Annual Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Central and Northern California convened in the Auditorium of the Baptist Church at Twin Lakes at 2:30 P. M. June 29th, 1895.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. E. H. Hayden. The session opened with a praise service led by D. J. Davis of Sacramento. Revs. I. D. Wood and E. A. Leonard led in prayer. Moved and carried that Rev. E. H. Hayden act as temporary chairman.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair, viz:

Enrollment Committee—Mr. John Duff of Santa Cruz and Mrs. Allie Hall of Santa Rosa.

Nominating Committee—Mr. A. T. Show of Morgan Hill, Mrs. L. P. Baker of Oakland and Rev. T. B. Hughes of Napa.

Committee on Resolutions—Rev. W. V. Gray of Morgan Hill, Prof. L. D. Inskeep of Oakland and Miss Jessie Featherstone of San Francisco.

Auditing Committee—Mr. Frank Wells of San Jose, and Rev. H. B. Turner of Santa Rosa.

Moved and carried that Article V. be amended by adding thereto sixth, Junior Superintendent. Moved and carried that after the papers and discussion of the afternoon the nomination of officers be made in open Convention.

A Paper, "Our Aim", by Miss Hattie Hoyt of Santa Rosa, was read by Mrs. H. B. Turner. Rev. W. V. Gray of Morgan Hill spoke in a few stirring words concerning " Our Methods" and Frank Wells of San Jose spoke about "Our Forces". A discussion of the above papers then followed.

4:40. Rev. H. E. Adams spoke concerning the needs of Missionary Work in Mendocino County.

The nomination of officers was made in open convention, the election to take place at the evening session. Adjourned after prayer by H. B. Turner.

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, 1895.

7:40, P. M. The evening session opened by a praise and prayer service in which nearly all present took part by reciting scripture verses.

The Report of the Treasurer was then read and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE B. Y. P. U OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand	$ 4 15
Collection, Convention	5 66
" " Tenth Avenue Church	7 75
Donations	2 50
Twenty-third Avenue Church	2 50
B. Y. P. U., Golden Gate	1 00
" Sacramento, Emmanuel	4 00
" Napa	1 00
C. E., Gonzales	2 00
B. Y. P. U., Madera	2 50
" Wheatland	1 00
" Reno, Nevada	2 00
" Alameda, First	3 00
" Sacramento District Union	6 00
C. E., Santa Rosa	2 50
B. Y. P. U., San Francisco, Hamilton Square	2 00
" San Jose, Emmanuel	2 00
" Santa Cruz	2 00
" Sacramento, Calvary	2 00
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" Vallejo, Cornell Baptist Church	2 00

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B. Y. P. U., Tulare	2 00	
C. E., Los Gatos	1 00	
B. Y. P. U., Petaluma	2 00	
C. E., Oakland, First	5 00	
" Mountain View	1 00	
B. Y. P. U., Willows	3 00	
" Reedley	2 00	
B. U. of C. E., San Jose, First	2 50	
B. Y. P. U., Stockton	5 00	
	——	$85 06

DISBURSEMENTS

L. D. Inskeep on acct	$13 66	
Printing	13 10	
Stamps	16 40	
Money Orders	59	
B. Y. P. U. of A. (Chicago)	70	
Miss Torson (years '93 to '94)	5 45	
W. F. Purnell as per bill	10 83	
" "	2 75	
" "	2 00	
Mrs. Turner " on acct	3 00	
" " balance	2 20	
"	2 50	
Individuals, Receipt Book etc.	65	
L. D. Inskeep, balance	6 02	
Total Disbursements	——	$79 85

Total Receipts	$85 06	
" Disbursements	79 85	
Cash on Hand	——	$ 5 21

LIABILITIES

2 Banners, Junior and Senior $10 00

Signed, FRANK L. MOSS,
Treasurer.

San Francisco, Cal., June 28, 1895.

On motion the report was received and adopted as read

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

Sacramento District B. Y. P. U., 3 Junior Societies with 30 active and 88 Associate members. They gave $11.00 for Home Missions.

In the Pacific Association there are 4 Junior Societies, with 60 active and 68 Associate members (Two of these Societies also belong to the Sacramento District B. Y. P. U.). They gave $16.18 for Home Missions and $10.10 for Foreign Missions.

In the Central Association there are 10 Junior Societies with 162 active and 127 associate members. They gave $13.85 for Home Missions and $13.70 for Foreign Missions.

In the San Joaquin Valley Association there are 8 Junior Societies with 78 active and 134 associate members. They gave $2.75 for Home Missions and and $6.50 for Foreign Missions.

In the South Central Association there are 10 Junior Societies, with 109 active and 87 associate members.

In the Sacramento River Association there are 3 Junior Societies, with 14 active and 32 associate members. They gave $1.00 for Home Missions and $1.07 for Foreign Missions.

In Clear Lake Association there are 2 Junior Societies, with 26 active and 75 associate members. They gave $1.00 for Home Missions and $6.00 for Foreign Missions.

Total Number of Junior Societies		40
" " Active Members	459	
" " Associate "	561	
Total		1020
Total Amount given for Home Missions	$53 39	
" " " Foreign "	46 32	
Amounting to		$99 71
Number of Juniors graduating into Senior Societies		34
" " Societies organized during the year		18
" " " dropped " "		3
" who took Exam. in one Course of C. C. C. this year		54
" of Copies of "Baptist Union" taken		55
" " " " "Golden Rule" taken		29

Two Associate Junior Superintendents have been appointed during the year.

On motion the report was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Number of Young Peoples' Societies about		100
" " Societies reported		65
of which 10 have been organized during the year		
Total membership reported—Active	2004	
" " " Associate	403	
		2407
Number of the "Baptist Union" taken		288
" " " "C. C. C." taken		17
Total contributed for State Union Work		$65 00
Number of Letters written		300
Number of Letters received		187

On motion the report of the Corresponding Secretary was received and adopted as read. On motion the Corresponding Secretary was empowered to furnish to the State Convention such information as the Executive Committee may decree discreet.

On motion: A committee of three were to be appointed to draft By-Laws and present them to the Executive Committee. The following is the report of the Enrollment Committee:

The number of Societies represented, 26; Delegates, 50; Visitors, 70; Sacramento, First, 6; Sacramento, Calvary, 2; Sacramento, Emmanuel, 1; San Jose, First, 2; San Jose, Emmanuel, 4; Morgan Hill, 4; Golden Gate, 2; Mountain View, 1; Sonora, 1; San Francisco, First, 1; San Francisco, Hamilton Square, 2; Penryn, 1; Sanger, 1; Madera, 1; Oakland, First, 1; Oakland, 10th Avenue, 1; Ceres, 1; Santa Rosa, 3; San Pablo, 1; Oakland, 23d Avenue 3; Los Gatos, 3; Wheatland, 2; Temple Grove, 2; Santa Cruz, 2; Napa, 1 Anderson, 1.

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The following officers were then elected:

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Recording Secretary, Miss May Adams, San Jose.
Corresponding Secretary, Geo. M. Purnell, Sacramento.
Treasurer, Frank Wells, San Jose.

8:55. An address on "Christian Culture Course" was given by Rev. C. A. Wooddy. D. D.

Dr. Wooddy presented the C. C. C, banner to Madera, the victorious Society. Rev. Z. C. Rush, the pastor, responded by a few appropriate words.

9:30. Mr. John Currie, the Scotch Evangelist, gave an address on Bible study.

Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., gave the following statistics of money raised by the Young People of California for Foreign Missions:

Total amount contributed by the Young People of California, $776.00 total amount raised in California for the support of Rev. Wm. Wynd, $500.00 being an increase of $300.00 above last year; total amount contributed by the Young People of Central and Northern California, $459.27; total amount raised in Central and Northern California for the support of Rev. Mr. Wynd, $273.12; total amount raised in Central and Northern California for other purposes, $186.15. The following are the amounts raised in the different Associations: Central Association, $338.90; Clear Lake Association, $8.55; Pacific Association, $29.85; Sacramento River Association, $18.47; San Joaquin Valley Association, $21.25; South Central Association, $42.25. Total, $459.27.

10:15. Adjourned after prayer by Rev. S. B Randall.

SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 30, 1892.

9:10. The Convention opened with a praise and prayer service led by Rev. E. H. Hayden.

Rev. J. Sunderland. D. D., spoke a few words concerning the Responsibility of Young People in connection with Foreign Missions and several short prayers were offered. After a few words from Rev. E. H. Hayden the meeting closed with prayer.

10:10 Conference of Junior Superintendents was the next in order, led by Mrs. H. B. Turner. A paper was read on "Boys in Junior Work", after the reading a profitable discussion followed.

At eleven o'clock the regular church services were held. Rev. M. Slaughter of Redding preached from the text "See that ye love one another with a pure heart, fervently."

After which adjourned to meet in the afternoon in the First Baptist Church, Santa Cruz.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 30, 1895.

FIRST

ANNUAL JUNIOR BAPTIST UNION

CONVENTION.

The First Annual Convention of the Junior Baptist Union was held in the First Baptist Church, Santa Cruz, Sunday afternoon, June 30th, 1895.

3:40 P. M. A procession of 42 children marched into the church singing "Onward Christian Soldier." A praise service led by Dale McAlpin of the First Baptist Church, Sacramento. An address of welcome from the Seniors by the President, D. J. Davis. A welcome from the Juniors of Santa Cruz by Winnie Peaks. A response by Millard P. Randall of Los Gatos.

4:00 P. M. Miss Myrtle Wright of Santa Rosa spoke a few words concerning the Bible Reader's Course. The Juniors repeated Ephesians 6: 13-17 vs. in concert, which was illustrated by Mrs. Turner. A paper on "Junior Conquest Missionary Course" was read by Miss Myrtle Wright of Santa Rosa. The Juniors of Santa Cruz gave a very interesting Sacred Literature Drill, led by their Superintendent, Mrs. Brit. A solo was sung by President D. J. Davis. After which the following papers were read; "How to Make Our Junior Meetings Interesting", by Miss Flora Beacher of Santa Cruz; "Membership Committees", by Miss Helen Banks of Sacramento; "Sunday Committee", by Miss Nellie Rumage of Sacramento; "Missionary Committee", written by Miss Beatrice Wilson of Oakland and read by Miss Ethel Elder. Mrs. C. M. Hill of Oakland spoke of the children in Japan that are supported by the Juniors in this State. A Duet was sung by President D. J. Davis and Miss Maud Monsen.

A paper on "Temperance Committee" was read by Miss Kittie Preston of Santa Rosa and one on "Lookout Committees", written by Miss Fannie Cones of Eureka and read by Miss Mary Parker, after reading of these papers, singing of the Convention Hymn "Stand Up". A paper on "Flower Committee", written by Miss Dora Jones of Ukiah, was read by Miss Alice Banks of Sacramento, after which the Junior Christian Culture Class banner was presented to the Junior Society of Santa Rosa by President D. J. Davis, to which Miss Myrtle Wright responded. Thirty-three Juniors were present. The Junior Convention closed with a consecration service led by Rev. S. B. Randall of Los Gatos.

SUNDAY EVENING JUNE 30, 1895.

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7:30. A praise and prayer service led by the President, D. J. Davis, was held at this time. The Auditing Committee presented its report which on motion was accepted.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Believing it to be of very great importance that our Young People should become better acquainted with the work of the Convention of Northern and Central California, and the general work of the denomination, and believing it to be of the highest importance that they should have a knowledge of the principles we hold dear, and of their history, also in view of the great growth of the liquor traffic throughout our blessed country, your Committee present the following resolutions:

1. That this Convention urge the pastors and the leaders of the Young People's Societies to appoint among their delegates one, at least, from the Young People, not only to represent the Society at the Young People's Convention, but also the church in all of the deliberations of the General Convention. In this way to create a supply of efficient workers to meet the demand.

2. That we commend and urge every Young Baptist to take the "Baptist Young People's Union" paper, and thus avail themselves of the instruction given by the Christian Culture Courses, and in this way become "furnished unto every good work" and "be able to give a reason for their hope."

3. That we express our gratefulness to the "Pacific Baptist" paper for its hearty and generous co-operation in our Young People's work, and show it by paying a year's subscription.

4. That we appoint a regular correspondent for the paper, to whom all matters relating to our Young People's work should be sent.

5. That, in view of the misunderstandings having arisen respecting what local Societies shall participate in these Conventions, we ask each pastor to explain to the Young People of his church that part of our Constitution which says that all Societies of whatsoever name in Baptist churches and Missions are entitled to representation in this body.

6. That this Convention pledges its prayers and its work for the abolition of the liquor saloon.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. V. GRAY, Chairman,
LORENZO D. INSKEEP,
JESSIE P. FEATHERSTONE,
Committee.

On motion, the report and the resolutions were received and adopted as read. Revs. S B. Randall, W. V. Gray and Bro. Frank Wells were appointed to act as a committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion, Geo. W. Purnell of Sacramento was eleeted to serve as a delegate to the International B. Y. P. U. Convention at Baltimore.

AMOUNT RAISED FOR STATE B. Y. P U. WORK.

Subscriptions: Senior Societies, $46.00; Junior Societies, $9.00; Collections, $14. 28; Junior Collections for Banner, $3.40; Total Subscriptions and Collections, $72. 68.

On motion the Secretary was authorized to correspond with the Societies that have not already pledged for the State Work, asking their assistance this year.

On motion a vote of thanks was passed, thanking Rev. F. S. Lawrence and others for providing accommodations for the delegates.

Prayer was then made by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

8:30 An address on "Unity and Peace" was given by Prof. L. D Inkeep of Oakland.

8:45 An address on "Enthusiasm" by Rev. T. B. Hughes of Napa.

9:00 An address on "Victory" by Rev. A. B. Banks of Sacramento. This was followed by a solo sung by President D. J. Davis.

9:20 The Young People's Convention closed its session by an impressive consecration service led by Rev. W. V. Gray of Morgan Hill, at the close of whtch all joined hands and sang "I am Thine, O Lord! Adjourned after prayer by Rev. E. A. Leonard.

MISS MAY ADAMS.

Recording Secretary

B. Y. P. U. Convention of Central and Northern California.

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OF THE

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TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
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Thursday, June 27, 1895.

10:00, A. M. The fourteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home Misssion Society of California opened by devotional exercises led by Mrs A. B. Banks of Sacramento. In the absence of the President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, the corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. P. Baker, called the Society to order and appointed the following Committees.

On Enrollment:—Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Whitaker.

On Resolutions:—Miss Bamford, Mrs. Boynton.

On Nominations:—Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Wilson.

Miss Bamford was asked to act as reporter for the papers.

As the Recording Secretary, Miss Ida Spence, was absent, Mrs. M. P. Boynton was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

The following encouraging report of the Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Joy was read and on motion was received and adopted as read.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the TREASURER of the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA, FROM MAY 11th, 1894, to JUNE 19th, 1895.

MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS

Oakland, Beth Eden	$	2 00
" Twenty-third Avenue		23 65
" " " " "Lay-by Envelopes"		50
" Tenth Avenue		21 00
" " " Mrs. M. A. Stratton, Life Member.		10 00
" " " Mrs. E. A. Berger, Life Membership		10 00
" Danish-Norwegian		13 50
" First		33 50
San Francisco, Emmanuel		1 00
" " First		32 00
" " " Shining Star Band		2 58

San Francisco, First Steadfast Club	1 38	
" " " Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Life Membership	10 00	
" " " Mrs. H. K. Mitchell, Life Membership	10 00	
" " " Third Y. P. S. C. E	5 00	
" " " Hamilton Square	10 00	
" " " Hopeful Miss. Band	10 00	
San Jose, Emmanuel	13 00	
" " First	18 25	
Santa Cruz	28 10	
Berkeley	14 00	
St. Helena	8 50	
Willows	34 25	
Alameda	22 10	
Sacramanto, Calvary	18 50	
" Emmanuel	3 93	
Tulare	2 50	
Fresno, First	3 50	
" Emmanuel	2 75	
Stockton, First	30 00	
Gonzales	8 00	
Los Gatos	15 00	
Eureka, Y. P. S. E	2 85	
" Children's Miss. League	3 15	
Santa Rosa	23 25	
Vallejo, Cornell	2 70	
Cohassett	50	
Fort Bragg	2 10	
Redding	10 50	
" Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Life Membership	10 00	
Napa	4 75	
Morgan Hill	7 00	
Ukiah	9 00	
Dixon	6 00	
Temple Grove, Wrights	50	
Vacaville	5 00	
Selma	2 65	
Golden Gate, Oakland	5 00	
Sanger	3 00	
Special Donation, Dr. Biggs	5 00	
" " Mrs. Hill	5 00	
Woman's Baptist Mission Union of Sacramento	6 35	
Special Donation, Mrs. R. McGuinn	2 00	
		$534 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. F. Baker, Treasurer General Baptist Convention of California	516 59
Balance in Treasury	$18 20

EDIFICE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue	$24 00	
" " " Y. P. S. C. E	5 00	
" " " Shingles	2 50	
		31 50
" Twenty-third Avenue		3 25

Oakland First	60 55		
" " Shingles	13 85		
		74 40	
San Francisco First Y. P. S. C. E	5 00		
" " for Reno Church	70		
		5 70	
" Hamilton Square Hopeful Mission Band	2 30		
Shingles	2 75		
		5 05	
Santa Cruz		5 00	
Red Bluff, Shingles		1 80	
San Jose First Y. B. U., Shingles	55		
" " Junior S. C. E	40		
" " Church	4 75		
		5 70	
Red Bluff Sunday School, Shingles		2 15	
Los Gatos Junior Society, "		1 25	
Alameda "		75	
Santa Rosa	4 55		
Junior Society, Shingles	65		
		5 20	
Sanger		1 00	
Ukiah Church	50		
Mrs. Todd	1 00		
Mrs. McCowen	50		
		2 00	
Danish-Norwegian, Oakland		5 00	
Tulare		1 70	
Stockton First		5 00	
Salinas Sunday School, Shingles		1 50	
Sacramento Emmanuel		3 00	
San Francisco "		2 00	
Transferred from Student's Aid Fund		4 70	
			167 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

W. B. Pope, Reno Church		5 00	
C. F. Baker, Treasurer General Baptist Convention of California		161 95	
Transferred to Student's Aid Fund		70	
			167 65

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury May 11th, 1894		13 54
Collections at Convention, Highland Park		8 35
" Santa Cruz Valley Circle		3 95
" 1st Quarterly Meeting of Bay District		3 60
" 2nd " " "		5 00
" 3rd " " "		7 60
" 4th " " "		5 05
" Quarterly Meeting of San Jose Church		1 50
" Sacramento River Association		8 65
" South Central "		3 25
" Pacific "		3 00
" Tulare "		2 05

Collections at Central "	13 65	
" Woman's Bapt. Mission Union, Sac'to	2 00	
" South Central Mission Society	4 80	
Twenty-third Avenue Church, Oakland.....	1 60	
" " " "Layby" Envelopes	1 00	
First San Francisco " " "	4 46	
First Oakland " " "	1 10	
Tenth Avenue " Oakland.....	2 00	
Donation Oakland Copying Co.....	1 50	
Redding Church.....	2 84	
		100 49

DISBURSMENTS.

Literature from W. B. H. M. Society of Chicago..	4 27	
Carruth and Carruth Printing Note Heads and Envelopes.....	6 75	
Payot Upham & Co., Receipt Books.....	45	
" " " Letter File	1 00	
Paid towards Congress of Missions.....	2 50	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis Expenses, Salinas.....	6 50	
" " " " Sacramento.....	5 00	
" " " " "	4 00	
Carruth and Carruth Printing Leaflets	7 45	
" " " " Circulars.....	5 75	
" " " " Leaflets, Etc.....	6 00	
Oakland Copying Co. " "	3 50	
Expressage on Coin from Mrs. J. McLeod.....	25	
Mrs. Baker's Expenses South Central Mission Soc.	3 85	
Transferred to Student's Aid Fund	3 40	
C. F. Baker, balance on Convention Minutes, 1892.	10 65	
" " " " " " 1893.	18 50	89 82
Balance in Treasury June 19th, 1895.....		$10 67

STUDENT'S AID FUND.

Balance in Treasury May 11th, 1894.....	2 95	
Santa Cruz Church.....	4 00	
W. H. Latourette.....	1 65	
First Church, San Jose	2 00	
Transferred from Edifice Fund.....	70	
" " Expense Account to Balance	3 40	
		14 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

L. B. Harvey.....	10 00	
Transferred to Edifice Fund.....	4 70	
		14 70

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, May 11, 1894.....	16 49
June, 1894.....	30 75
July, "	12 00
August, "	39 05

September,	"	23 35	
October,	"	69 80	
November,	"	70 70	
December,	"	56 00	
January,	1895	12 75	
February,	"	57 15	
March,	"	127 73	
April,	"	81 42	
May,	"	104 15	
June,	"	116 29	
			$817 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

June,	1894	11 02	
August,	"	46 95	
September,	"	14 90	
October,	"	77 90	
November,	"	74 45	
December,	"	58 65	
January,	1895	25	
February,	"	83 80	
March,	"	104 03	
April	"	74 66	
May,	"	71 15	
June,	"	171 00	788 76
Balance in Treasury June 19th, 1895			$28 87

TRIAL BALANCE.

	Dr.	Cr.
Cash Account	28 87	
Expense Account		10 67
Missionary Fund		18 20
	$28 87	$28 87

Respectfully Submitted,
MRS. E. F. JOY, Treasurer.

Correct:
B. C. WRIGHT,
Auditor.

RECAPITULATION SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY EACH CHURCH AND FOR WHICH FUND.

Oakland Beth Eden, Missionary Fund		2 00
" Twenty-third Ave., "	24 15	
Edifice "	3 25	
Expense Account	2 60	
		30 00
Oakland Tenth Avenue, Missionary Fund	41 00	
Edifice "	31 50	
Expense Account	2 00	
		74 50
Oakland First, Missionary Fund	33 50	
Edifice "	74 40	

Oakland, First, Expense Account	1 10	
		109 00
Oakland Danish-Norwegian, Missionary Fund	13 50	
Edifice "	5 00	
		18 50
San Francisco Emmanuel, Missionary Fund	1 00	
Edifice "	2 00	
Expense Account	4 46	
		7 46
San Francisco First, Missionary Fund	55 96	
Edifice "	5 70	
		61 66
San Francisco, Third, Edifice Fund		5 00
" Hamilton Square, Missionary Fund	20 00	
Edifice "	5 05	
		25 05
San Jose Emmanuel, Missionary Fund		13 00
" First " "	18 25	
Edifice "	5 70	
		23 95
Santa Cruz, Missionary Fund	28 10	
Edifice "	5 00	
		33 10
Berkeley, Missionary Fund		14 00
St. Helena, " "		8 50
Willows, " "		34 25
Sacramento, Calvary Missionary Fund		18 50
Alameda, " "	22 10	
" Edifice "	75	
		22 85
Tulare, Missionary Fund	2 50	
Edifice "	1 70	
		4 20
Fort Bragg, Missionary Fund		2 15
Redding, " "	20 50	
Edifice "	2 12	
Expense Acct	2 84	
		25 49
Napa, Missionary Fund		4 75
Sacramento, Emmanuel, Missionary Fund	3 93	
" Edifice "	3 00	
		6 93
Morgan Hill, Missionary Fund	7 00	
Edifice "	2 00	
		9 00
Ukiah, Missionary Fund		9 00
Dixon, " "		6 00
Wright's Temple Grove Missionary Fund		50
Vacaville, " "		5 00
Fresno, First, " "		3 50
" Emmanuel, " "		2 75
Stockton, First, " "	30 00	
Edifice "	5 00	
		35 00
Gonzales, Missionary Fund		8 00
Los Gatos, " "	15 00	
Shingles	1 25	
		16 25

Eureka, Missionary Fund		5 00
Santa Rosa, Missionary Fund	23 25	
Edifice "	5 20	
		28 45
Vallejo, Cornell, Msssionary Fund		2 70
Cohassett, " "		50
Selina, " "		2 65
Oakland, Golden Gate, Missionary Fund		5 00
Sanger, " "		3 00
Red Bluff, Shingles	1 80	
Edifice Fund	1 00	
		2 80
Salinas Sunday School, Shingles		1 50
		$691 39

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Baker, read her report and, on motion, the report was received and unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

" Another year's seed-sowing is past; another year's harvest is ended, and what fruit have we gathered for the Master?" "We meet to-day to review the past and plan for the future," and though there have been in our deliberations through the year times of some anxiety, still we come up to our annual meeting with grateful hearts desiring to "give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name," for He hath put gladness into our hearts and hath not withholden the request of our lips.

Ten Board meetings have been held during the year. At each of these meetings business of importance has claimed the prayerful attention of those entrusted with the interests of the Society. Calls for help have come from a few places other than those recommended to us by the Convention Board. These we should gladly have aided had it been possible. Owing to financial depression we have had more than our hands full in trying to meet the obligations assumed at the beginning of the year, and, in view of this condition of our treasury, it has been impossible for us to undertake more. If all the churches of Northern and Central California would respond to the call to identify themselves with us in Home Mission work, doubtless we should be better equipped and be able to extend our efforts. We heartily welcome those who have enlisted with us and hope their lives may be made happier by this service.

Our Society has this year helped in the support of four Missionary pastors—Rev. E. T. Sandford at Eureka, Rev. S. C. Keetch at Vacaville, Rev. N. Tvchsen, laboring among the Danes and Norwegians in Oakland and San Francisco, and Rev. C. C. X. Laws, among the colored people at San Jose. We greatly regret that Bro. Sandford's ill health has compelled him to lay down his work for a time. He writes of his field: "The spirit of unity, good will and harmony which exists in the church is the best. I question if ever in

the history of the church it has been so deep and true as it is today. * * * We have a fine body of warm-hearted, earnest Christian workers. * * * There has been also a marked change in the community. Another spirit prevails. While the people are slow to accept Jesus as their Christ, we see that Christianity has made advancement, even in the world. More respect is paid to it; the leading merchants have signed an agreement to close their doors all day on Sundays. For this we thank God."

Pastor Keetch writes encouragingly of the provision made for their church debt and sees a hopeful outlook for the future. He says: "There has been a marked improvement in many ways during the past year and the future is bright with promise. * * * We have had frequent additions to our membership—a few by baptism, but mostly by letter and experience. Our congregations have been well sustained and the pastor has often been greeted with a crowded house." For a few months past this church has been sustaining a Sunday-school in Gates' Canyon about six miles from town. Thanking this Society for its help, the pastor adds: "In another year we hope to be able to take care of ourselves."

Among the Danes and Norwegians Bro. Tychsen finds his work growing and greatly feels the need of a suitable house of worship.

In San Jose, among his own people, Bro. Laws thinks the church is prospering in spite of hard times and scarce work. Their Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings are well attended and a move has been made into a better location.

Our Edifice money has this year gone into the King City church in Monterey county. We rejoice in what this little church has been able to accomplish in the face of many difficulties and we count it a privilege to have helped them to the extent of our ability.

Early in the year it was decided to make use of the columns of our denominational Coast paper, the *Pacific Baptist*, in acquainting our sisters with the work of the Society. Accordingly, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send, as often as could be provided for, an article bearing upon some department of our work. This has been done; various notices have also been inserted and a directory of officers published from time to time. For all this our thanks are due to the good brethren who have the paper in charge.

Our Expense fund this year has been inadequate for the supply of our needs in various directions. If there had not been this lack, we should have had more printed matter for distribution. As it is, we have published five hundred copies each of two stories, written for us by Mrs. C. E. Bamford—"The Story of the Carterville Church," and "The Shingle Story;" five hundred copies of a brief catechism explaining general work, and five hundred mimeographed circular letters containing information upon the Edifice work at King City. Early in the coming year we trust that the Society may be able to put out a full outline of work for the year.

Largely on account of the financial outlook, the Board has felt able to send but few of its members to the different associational meetings this year. In October the Corresponding Secretary was called upon to attend the Pacific Association held in Vacaville. Though a heavy storm prevented a large attendance on the morning when our State work was presented, there seemed a good interest manifested by those who were present. At the Central Association, held in the First Church of San Francisco, in October, our Woman's Home Mission work was explained and urged upon the attention of all, special emphasis being laid upon the needs of the Edifice department. In the same month at the South Central Association at Salinas, our worthy President was sent to represent our work. It was also the pleasure of your Secretary to be present at an excellent meeting of the Santa Clara Missionary Gathering held in June at Morgan Hill and to speak a word in behalf of the Society; also to attend and lay the work before the sisters at two or three Circle and District Quarterly meetings.

The system of apportionments for raising the Missionary fund has again been used and with general satisfection so far as we have learned. In sending notifications of the amounts desired from each Circle, it has been the purpose to have it understood that there is nothing obligatory about the plan and that no limit is placed upon the amount to be given, but the plan is used simply to furnish a definite aim for each. As a Society we do not commission or appoint any missionaries. We work in connection with the Convention Board of the State in supporting one or more of those already appointed and who are recommended to us by the Home Mission Board of the Convention.

We feel especially strengthened this year by having such good workers in our Associational Secretary and our Advisory Board. Reports sent in when called for and letters promptly answered do very much toward lessening the work of a Secretary. At our semi-annual Board meeting in December, letters were read from thirteen members of our Advisory Board. These gave us glimpses from each field and drew us closer together in interest and sympathy. It is our hope that thro' this means during the coming year we may accomplish much more than has heretofore been possible in developing a pe manent and fruitful missionary spirit in many of the churches.

While this has been true in general of this year's work, we have also had some difficulties in attaining this end. At our December meeting we were obliged to accept the resignations of Mrs. Smallman, Secretary of the Central Association; Mrs. Caton, of South Central; Mrs. Jordan of the Pacific, and Mrs. Turner of Tulare—the first two on account of continued ill health and the others because of removals. Miss Minnie Ham was also obliged to give up charge of the Junior work. Miss Lillian Berger was chosen to fill her place and the other vacancies were occppied as follows: Mrs. T. B. Gaylord, Secretary of the Central Association; Mrs. S. Barr for the South Central; Miss A. A. Jones for the Pacific and Mrs. A. D. Smith for Tulare. All the Secretaries have done excellent service and we hope, with the hold they have taken, that they may be able to work on without interruption.

From our most Northern Association, Clear Lake, Mrs. Young writes that in spite of small numbers and weak churches she feels encouraged. Mrs. Lyons, Secretary of the Sacramento River Association, is enthusiastic and hopeful. Miss Jones sends a fair report from the Pacific, though she wishes that reports might have been more full. Mrs. Gaylord, Secretary for the Central Association, finds much activity in many of the churches and a desire for increasing usefulness among the circles.

From the South Central, Mrs. Barr tells us that more vigorous pressing of our needs is called for and Mrs. Smith hopes for a more intelligent and widespread interest throughout the Tulare Association (now San Joaquin Valley Association).

Miss Ham has again done efficient work as Superintendent of the Bureau of Supplies. We feel sure that the help given to many missionaries' families in this way has been much appreciated and we recommend that all the churches have a share in this good work. In the work of the Bureau of Intelligence, Mrs. Lillis has felt keenly the low state of our finances. She has however, had on hand all that has been called for and hopes that the Circle, will next year make more use of this important branch of our work. In the Department of the Distribution of Literature, Miss Berger has developed an interest in spreading *good reading* wherever there has been any call. In Junior work Miss Lillian Berger has had but six months to gain a hold and we think the better days of activity are still in store for us. We bespeak earnest prayer that we may help rightly to direct the on-coming home missionaries and their supporters.

Your Secretary has written two hundred and ten letters, ninety-three postals; has sent out three hundred and sixty-five circular letters and pamphlets and has received one hundred and seventy-five letters and postals. In all the

correspondence of the year, much pleasure has been received through the promptness of replies and by contact with so many cordial, earnest spirits. These have given us encouragement and inspiration and we look into the coming year with a faith that grasps promised blessings and prays for a more consecrated fidelity in the Master's service.

"God bless our workers everywhere; the wide world o'er
And give us grace on grace as we shall bear,
With loving hands and hearts made pure by prayer,
The message of salvation thro the air from shore to shore.
Increase our numbers, Lord, in every land, increase our faith;
Bless thou the methods which our love has planned,
And help us more and to understand
That only consecrated lives are grand, as thy Word saith."

STATISTICS.

Central	8	200	$468 90
Clear Lake	3	34	21 15
Pacific	4	36	38 48
Sacramento	5	66	69 54
So. Central	5	79	80 35
Tulare	3	35	10 20
			$688 72

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. L. P. BAKER,
Cor. Sec. W. B. H. M. S. of Cal.

After the reading of the report of the Corresponding Secretary, letters were read from the Associational Secretaries, showing growth in zeal and earnestness in the midst of many discouragements.

On motion time was granted to Rev. W. Gregory, D. D. to speak of his work in the California Children's Home Society.

On motion, adjourned after prayer by N. Tychsen.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 27, 1895.

The Society was called to order by Mrs. L. P. Baker, after singing and prayer by Mrs. H. B. Turner. The Report of the Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies was read, and on motion was received and adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

The importance of the work of this department has been increased by the stringency of the times. The missionary pastor has been among the first to feel the pressure of this financial condition. It has been the privilege of this bureau to lighten this pressure in many instances, and yet we have not been able to supply all the families who have needed and desired our aid.

Fourteen Circles and one Young People's Society have during the year sent boxes or barrels valued at $619.75 to these heroic toilers on mission fields, and from whom grateful and appreciative letters have been received.

Some of the Circles with commendable zeal provide for their barrel early in the year, asking the Superintendent to furnish them the needed description of age, size and number of family, and not waiting to be appealed to for aid. Others delay long in replying when appealed to, or fail to answer altogether. This cannot fail to greatly hinder the work and cause great inconvenience, if not actual suffering in these families whom it should be our *privilege* to aid, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

The following is the Statistical Report.

Churches.	Supplies.	Value.
Alameda	1 barrel	$70 00
Oakland, First	1 barrel	65 00
Oakland, Tenth Avenue	1 barrel	85 00
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	1 barrel	28 00
Oakland, Beth Eden	1 box	8 50
Redding	2 boxes	12 70
San Francisco, First	2 barrels	58 05
San Francisco, Hamilton Square	1 barrel	70 00
Santa Rosa	1 barrel	53 00
San Jose	1 barrel	40 00
Stockton	1 barrel and $18.00 cash	36 00
Santa Cruz	1 barrel	30 00
Santa Cruz Young People	1 box	17 50
St. Helena	1 box (fruit)	4 50
Wheatland	1 barrel	20 00
Wheatland	1 barrel	21 50
Total,		$619 75

Besides these supplies sent to families within the bounds of this Convention, the following were sent to the Baptist Orphanage in Alaska.

Oakland, First	2 barrels	20 00
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	1 barrel	30 00
Cash for freight on barrels		8 75
Total,		$58 75

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HAM,

Supt. of Bureau of Supplies.

Mrs. Latourette read the Report of the Superintendent of Distribution of Literature and on motion it was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

From the lack of responses to inquiry, it would appear that interest in this department does not increase as, perhaps, it should.

The report below is but a meager showing, compared with that of last year, though the number of letters sent out by the Superintendent has increased, and, in addition, the *Pacific Baptist* has kindly given place to an article calling attention to the work.

Bro. H. E. Adams still continues his work, and, by watching the pages of the above paper, new openings will frequently be found for disposing of good papers. Circles are once more urged to appoint a Literature Committee to take charge of the work, and a suggestion is here made that the papers be not only sent away, but also be supplied regularly in our own churches to families unable to subscribe to them.

It seems hardly necessary to call attention to the fact that papers sent should in be good condition; an inferior gift is not acceptable to God, and though so small a thing as a once-read religious paper, it should be neat and clean, and accompanied by prayer for God's blessing.

Following is the report as far as obtained:

Superintendent	Papers	90
Oakland, First Circle	"	711
" Tenth Avenue Circle	"	1600
San Francisco, Hamilton Square	"	250
" " " "	Picture Rolls	2
Santa Rosa	" "	32

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue,.....Papers and Cards to three Mission Sunday Schools and to parents of pupils.

San Jose, Juniors.....Texts and Sunday-school Cards to Miss Newell, among Indians, and Sunday-school Papers to Rev. H. E. Adams.

Papers are sent *regularly* by twenty-two individuals, representing twelve churches; if sent for each week in the year, these would amount to 1144.

Number of letters and postals written by the Superintendent, 51.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS ELLA BERGER.

The Report of the Superintendent of Junior Work was read by Mrs. E. F. Joy, and on motion, was received. After the report was received, a very instructive paper was read to the Society by Mrs. H. B. Turner on "How to Interest the Juniors in Home Mission Work". After the reading of the paper there was a general discussion on the topic, after which, on motion, the Report of the Superintedent of Junior Work was adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF JUNIOR WORK.

In the beginning of the year it was decided to ask the Juniors of our field to assist in shingling the new church building at King City. In the last half of the year your present Superintendent has sent out seventy written appeals besides seven personal letters. In response to these, very few replies have been received compared with the number expected. Some of these have been sent in care of Circles and we have in this way found that no Junior organizations exist in many of the churches, partly for the reason that some of these

are pastorless. From the ten Junior Societies reporting we learn the following figures:

Oakland, Tenth Avenue Juniors	$ 2 50	
" " " Seniors	5 00	
" First, Barrel	10 00	
" " " Primary Class	3 85	
Santa Rosa Juniors	65	
Salinas Sunday School	1 50	
San Jose, First	40	
" " " Juniors	55	
Redding Sunday School	2 15	
Red Bluff	1 80	
Total		$28 40

Although failing to accomplish all that our hearts have been set upon for this year's record, we face the future with the hope that the gain we have already made may be in the near future largely increased and that our Juniors may take their rightful place in the great army whose song is "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LILLIAN BERGER,

Superintendent.

Rev. Mr. N. Tychsen spoke of the very encouraging work among the Danes and Norwegians in Oakland, the church consisting of about fifty members has given on an average of $33.00 per member to the Lord's work the past year. He earnestly asked for the appointment of another missionary to work among his people. Rev. W. F. Stone, pastor of King City Baptist Church, also spoke of the good work done in the field. A letter was received from Rev. E. T. Sandford showing that the work was moving on well in Eureka.

Mrs. C. H. Hobart then gave an interesting account of "What our Society has accomplished."

Mrs. Latourette accompanying the address with an instructive map excercise, showing the results of our work in the Edifice Department, following this a collection was taken.

The Nominating Committee presented its report through its chairman Mrs. Hobart.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis,
First Vice-President—Mrs. M. S. Haight,
Second Vice-Precident, Mrs. A. B. Banks,
Third Vice-President—Mrs. H. B. Turner,
Recording Secretary—Miss Ida Spencer,
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. P. Baker,
Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Joy,
Auditor—B. C. Wright.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the above named officers. The Secretary did so, and the Chair then declared them duly elected to serve as nominated during the ensuing year.

The report of the Memorial Committee was then read by Mrs. Lawrence, and on motion it was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

We have great reason for gratitude to God for his sparing mercy, for so far as your Committee has been able to ascertain but few deaths have occurred within our Circle during the year.

Alameda reports the death of Mrs. J. O. Hyde. As she lived at a distance, she could not attend the missionary meeting, but she was interested in the work. The Alameda Circle has also been called to mourn the death of their faithful and consecrated co-worker, Mrs. F. F. Barrett, who entered into rest last fall.

Mrs. Margaret Brown, a beloved and faithful member of the Oakland Tenth Avenue Circle, has been called from earthly to heavenly services.

The Stockton Circle has suffered the loss of Mrs. T. K. Hooks, who passed away May 27th, after an illness of only a few hours. She was for many years an earnest Christian, and cheerfully gave to all departments of religious work, her sympathy and support. She will be greatly missed, but she was ready for the sudden call. She rests from her labors, but her works do follow her.

Mrs. Gamble, of the Twenty-third Avenue Church, Oakland, a faithful member and one interested in missions, died during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. S. LAWRENCE.

Miss M. E. Bamford read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and on motion it was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved:* That we are very thankful to the Father in heaven for all His blessings upon our Society during the past year, especially that He has blessed beyond our asking in the amount of money He has given to us to use in the missionary department of our work.

2. *Resolved:* That with heartfelt appreciation we look upon the labors of our missionaries, Rev. N. Tychsen, Rev. E. T. Sandford, Rev. C. C. X. Laws and Rev. S. C. Keetch, we realize the difficulties of the fields, and we assure our missionaries of our prayers for God's blessing upon their efforts.

3. *Resolved:* That we urge upon all the Societies the special importance of enlisting the children in the cause of missions, and that we hope the day is not far distant when every church shall have its Junior and Mission Bands.

4. *Resolved:* That in view of the need of clothing and supplies upon the mission fields, we urge that as many barrels and boxes as possible be sent this

coming year, where they will do the most good, and that we ask aid in the way of Sunday-school papers, pictures, cards, etc., for these destitute places.

5. *Resolved:* That we express our gratitude to the *Pacific Baptist* for the free use of its columns so kindly granted our Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society during the past year.

MARY E. BAMFORD,
MRS. M. P. BOYNTON,
Committee.

In the absence of Mrs. Lillis, Mrs. Joy read her report as Superintendent of the Bureau of Intelligence. And on motion the report was received and adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE.

Leaflets bought	200
Leaflets sold	178
Leaflets distributed free of charge	837
"Lay by" envelopes distributed	211
Constitutions distributed	100
Letters received	34
Letters written	20

The Society seeks to keep in this Bureau such tracts and leaflets as are helpful in our work, and it is encouraging that each year shows some increase in the demand for these helps. We wish that more of the Circles would vail themselves of the opportunity, here offered, for obtaining some of the simple statements that give a clear idea of the Home Mission's work of our country and State, and some of the choice little stories that are so well calculated to create a Missionary spirit in the young, as well as to give courage to older workers.

It is expected that new and valuable matter will soon be added to the supply already on hand, and we hope that all the Circles will begin the work of the year by providing themselves with literature.

We urge that "Lay-By" envelopes be sent for early in the season, so that July and August offerings may find a place with offerings of other months.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. C. LILLIS,
Superintendent Bureau of Intelligence.

Mrs. Latourette then read the report of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution. The report was then considered, article by article, and on motion it was adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Your Committee on the Amendments to the Constitution of our Society recommend that Articles IV and VI, instead of reading as they now stand, be changed to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, all or whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote.

ARTICLE VI. The Executive Board shall be elected annually by the officers of the Society and shall have general direction and oversight of the interests of the work of the Society during the interval between the Annual meetings; and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in each month, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

We recommend that in place of Article VII. a new article be inserted, and it shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VII. The Advisory Board shall consist of one member from each church, and shall be elected annually by the Executive Board.

We also recommend that by these changes Article VII. become Article VIII., and that Article VIII. become Article IX.

The Committee further recommend that the By-Laws of our Society consist of eight paragraphs instead of nine and that paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 8 be changed to read as follows:

PARAGRAPH 4. It shall be the duty of each member of the Advisory Board to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church, and working for the individual success, and, whenever possible, to attend the regular Board meetings. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a brief report of our work in their churches.

PARAGRAPH 5. The regular collections taken at all public meetings of the Society shall constitute a fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

PARAGRAPH 6. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a monthly report to the Board, of the state of the treasury

PARAGRAPH 8. All Circles contributing to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the Annual meeting with full privilege of membershp.

MRS. S. C. LILLIS,
MRS. J. K. SMALLMAN.

In compliance with the changed Constitution, it was voted that two additional Vice-Presidents be elected for the ensuing year and the matter was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The following Committees were appointed to serve during the ensuing year:

Memorial Committee—Mrs. Jenne and Mrs. Kellogg.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. A. B. Banks and Mrs. N. Douglass

The report of the Enrollment Committee was then read and on motion it was received and adopted.

Number present, 111.

The Nominating Committee reported the names of Mrs. A. B. Banks for second Vice-President, Mrs. H. B. Turner for third Vice-President, and B. C. Wright for Auditor.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Society, on motion, adjourned, after prayer by Mrs. Medhurst.

MRS. M. P. BOYNTON,
Recording Secretary pro tem.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss M. Bamford,
Mrs. W. H. Barnes,
Mrs. J. R. Bradway,
Miss Ella Bradway,
Mrs. C. F. Baker,
Mrs. E. A. Berger,
Miss Ella Berger,
Miss Lillian Berger,
Mrs. E. M. Chapman.
Mrs. C. S. Capp,
Mrs. Dorcas Clark,
Mrs. Ella Clinton,
Mrs. F. E. Caton,
Mrs. L. M. Cheshire,
Mrs. W. D. Douglas,
Mrs. I. S. Eschleman,
Mrs. J. C. Fielding,
Mrs. E. H. Gray,
Mrs. H. Garthwaite,
Mrs. J. Herndon Garnett,
Mrs. Mary A. Gilchrist,
Miss M. A. Ham,
Mrs. C. H. Hobart,
Mrs. E. B. Hemkins,
Mrs. Elisha Higgins,
Miss Fannie Latimer,
Mrs. J. F. Lyons,
Mrs. O. J. McKinnon,
Mrs. William Meeks.
Mrs. Ellen Mason,
Mrs. H. K. Mitchell,
Mrs. M. A. Pine,
Mrs. L. A. Remington,
Miss Maggie Reynolds,
Mrs. G. Rieman,
Miss M. A. Stratton,
Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant,
Mrs. John Stevens,
Mrs. William C. Spencer,
Mrs. O. M. Vesper,
Mrs. Sally Wilson,
Miss Augusta S. Williams
Mrs. O. K. Wright,
Miss C. P. Hull.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a Missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid the evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars, at any one time, or installments during the year.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote.

ART. V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ART. VI. The Executive Board shall be elected annually by the officers of the Society and shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in each month and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. The Advisory Board shall consist of one member from each church and shall be elected annually by the Executive Board.

ART. VIII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ART. IX. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1.—Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all the meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4.—It shall be the duty of each member of the Advisory Board to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church and working for their individual success; and whenever possible to attend the regular Board meetings. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a brief report of our work in their churches.

5.—The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6.—The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a monthly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

7.—The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8.—All circles contributing to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

9.—The duties of the Advisory Board shall be, whenever possible, to attend the regular Board meeting. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a report of our work in their churches.

Constitution for Local Societies.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the.....Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its objects shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any woman may became a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

Constitution for Mission Bands.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the.....Mission Band of the .....Baptist Church.

ACT. II. Its objects shall be to develop an interest in the cause of missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those generally assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All money raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II.—FIELD.

The field of this Convention shall be all that portion of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties.

ARTICLE III.— OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist Churches, Sunday Schools, Missions at home and abroad, and denominational fellowship and growth.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Convention shall be composed as follows:—

1 Of Life Members. Any member of a regular Baptist church withn the bounds of this Convention may become a life member by the payment of $25 within one Convention year.

2. Of Delegates from Regular Baptist Churches, as follows: Each church contributing to its funds within the current Convention year shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members.

3. Of Delegates from Baptist Associations. Each co-operating Association being entitled to send one delegate, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members.

4. Of Heads of Baptist Institutions of Learning and Official Representatives of Denominational Societies residing within the bounds of

the Convention, including one person each from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, and from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California.

ARTICLE V.—Officers.

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, one Vice-President from each co-operating Association, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and eleven Directors, who shall be elected annually, by ballot, and who shall be the Board of Managers. Each co-operating Association may nominate its own Vice-President. No missionary of the Convention shall be a Director or Officer.

ARTICLE VI.—Duties of Officers.

The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at the meetings of the Convention and Board.

Each Vice-President shall be a Committee to co-operate with the Convention in his own Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board, and keep a record of the proceedings of the Board.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention, take the necessary steps to secure statistics of the churches each year, and, with the co-operation of the Corresponding Secretary, publish the Annual, giving a full report of the work of the Convention, and the statistics of the Denomination within its bounds.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Convention and disburse the same only upon the order of the Board, hold his accounts open for inspection always, make reports to the Board quarterly, and a full report to the Convention annually. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall, at the discretion of the Board, give bonds, with sufficient securities, for the faithful discharge of the same.

ARTICLE VII.—Duties of the Board.

Section 1. The Board of Managers (seven of whom shall constitute a quorum) shall hold all property of the Convention, carry out its plans for co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Publication Society, in support of missionaries and colporteurs, transact all business committed to it by the Convention, and make a full written report at each annual meeting.

Sec. 2. They shall meet not later than the day of the adjournment of the Convention, and thereafter quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President at the written request of five members.

Sec. 3. They shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number.

Sec. 4. They shall appoint from their own number, at their first meeting each year, an Executive Committee of five members who shall be located with reference to facility of meeting together, to whom the Board may commit all business, *ad interim*, and who shall report to the Board quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII.—Committees.

Section 1. The following Committees for the session shall be appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of five persons each, except the last named committee, which shall be nominated from the floor, and consist of one person from each co-operating Association, viz:

1. On Arrangements for the Present Session.
2. On Place and Appointment for the next Annual Meeting.
3. On Important Subjects in the Report of the Board.

4. On Enrollment.
5. On Resolutions.
6. On Sunday Schools.
7. On Religious Literature.
8. On Obituaries.
9. On Nominations of Officers and Directors.

SEC. 2. The following Standing Committees of five persons each shall be appointed by the Convention each year, whose duty it shall be to foster the interests of the societies named, in connection with the official representatives of said Societies, and to present, at each annual meeting of the Convention, a carefully prepared report upon the same, viz.:

1. The American Baptist Missionary Union.
2. The American Baptist Home Missionary Society.
3. The American Baptist Publication Society.

ARTICLE IX.—ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held at such a place as the Convention may determine, on the third Tuesday in June, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., or at such other time as it may direct.

SEC. 2. The President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary shall constitute a Committee to prepare a programme for the next annual meeting in consultation with the Presidents of such societies as hold their annual meeting in connection with the Convention.

ARTICLE. X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present; *provided*, one year's notice has been given of the proposed change; or, *provided*, it has been unanimously recommended by the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with appropriate devotional exercises, and all care shall be taken to promote spirituality during the sessions.

2. Articles IV., V., and VIII. of the Constitution and the By-Laws shall be read from the chair at the opening session of the Convention.

3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

4. All committees shall be nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Convention, unless otherwise ordered.

5. No persons, except the one making the opening address, shall speak longer than five minutes, or more than three times upon the same motion, without leave from the body.

6. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall be the authority in conducting the business of the Convention.

7. The President of the Convention shall have power, upon the written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to change the place and time of the annual meeting.

8. The following shall be the general order of business.

(1) The Annual Sermon shall be preached on the first evening of the Convention.

(2.) The election of officers thall not occur earlier than the forenoon of the third day of the Convention.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a concurrence of three-fourthsof the members present.

PROGRAMME.

Tuesday Afternoon—State Missions.

3:00. Opening services. Prayer and Bible study, led by Rev. J. S. Norvell. Appointment of Committees.

4:30. Board of Managers, Annual meeting.

Evening.

7:00. Praise service.

7:30. Suggestions from the President. Report of Enrollment Committee. Annual sermon, Rev. I. D. Wood.

Wednesday Forenoon—State Missions.

9:00. Devotional. Introductions.

9:20. Appointment of Committees.
Report of the Board. Rev. W. H. Latourette, Corresponding Secretary.

10:00. Report of Treasurer. C. F. Baker.

10:15. Report of Committee on Important Points in Report of the Board.

10:25. Addresses by Missionaries. Discussion.

12:00. Closing Address. Rev. F. M. Mitchell.

Afternoon—W. B. H. Mission Society.

2:00. Devotional. Appointment of Committees. Report of Recording Secretary. Miss Ida Spencer. Report of Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. J. D. Bush. Report of Treasurer. Mrs. E. F. Joy. Report of Associational Secretaries.

Report of Quarterly Gatherings.

Report of Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies. Miss Mary A. Ham.

Report of Superintendent of Literature. Miss Ella Berger.

Report of Superintendent of Bands. Miss Lillie Berger.
Report of Superintendent of Bureau of Intelligence. Mrs. C. J. Sharp.
Report of Chinese Kindergarten. Miss F. Ford. Report of Committee on Nominations. Election of Officers. Report of Committee on Obituaries, and Resolutions. Report on Specific Work. Business.

Wednesday Evening.

7:00. Praise Service.
7:30. Women's Home Mission Society—Addresses.
8:15. Report of Committee on A. B. Home Mission Society. Rev. F. S. Lawrence.
8:30. Fifty Years' Home Mission Work on the Pacific Coast. Address by Rev. C. A. Wooddy.

Thursday Forenoon—Foreign Missions.

9:00. Prayer for Divine help in the present emergency in our Missions. Led by Rev. T. H. Stephens.
9:30. Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Financial Statement. Mrs. J. J. Warner, Treasurer. Reports from Missionaries. Address, Mrs. Geo. Warner. Western China.
Some suggestions for the year's work.
10:30. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions. Rev. C. M. Hill.
Conference on Report. Opened Rev. by J. Sunderland, D.D.
11:30. Address—Experiences and prospects in Western China. Mr. Geo. Warner.
11:55. Sermon on Foreign Missions. Rev. C. Spurgeon Medhurst.

Afternoon—California Baptist Historical Society.

3:00. Historical Address. Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D.
Reports and Election of Officers.
4:00. Education Society. Annual meeting.

Evening—Education Society.

7:00. Devotional.
7:30. Address. Rev. C. H. Hobart.
8:00. Educational Sermon. President T. G. Brownson.

Friday—Forenoon.

9:00. Devotional.
9:15. Report of Colportage Work of Convention Board.
Address by Colporter Henry Jackson. Discussion.

10:00. Report of Committee on Publication Society. Rev. M. P. Boynton.
10:30. Reports of Committees. Election of Officers. Miscellaneous Business.
12:00. Sermon.

Friday Afternoon—Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

4:00. Annual Meeting.

Evening—Publication and Sunday School Work.

7:30. Praise and Promise Meeting.
7:30 Address—Pacific Baptist. Rev. F. L. Sullivan.
7:50 Address—California Baptist Sunday School Work. D. P. Ward.
8:20. Address—The Sunday School and Baptist Growth in California. Rev. M. P. Boynton.

Saturday Morning—Sunday School Work.

9:00. Bible Reading. Rev. J. S. Norvell.
9:30. The Sunday School Teacher and the English Bible. Rev. G. W. Disher.
10:30. The Teacher. (*a*) In Preparation. (*b*) Primary Class Work. (*c*) Adult Class Work.
10:45. Elements of a Successful Sunday School. Rev. G. W. Swift. Rev. T. B. Hughes.
11:15. Sunday School Music. Rev. J. Geo. Gibson.
11:30 Normal Lesson. D. P. Ward.
12:15. Adjourn.

Evening—Young People's Convention.

7:30. Song Service.
6:45. Business and Reports.
8:45. Address. Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D.
9.15. Adjourn.

Sunday Forenoon.

9:30. Sunday School Hour.
10:30. Young People's Service. Topic, Training for Service: 1. In Bible Knowledge and Christian History. D. P. Ward. 2. In Missionary Knowledge and Christian Giving. 3. In Doctrine and Denominational Loyalty. 4. In Consecrated Service.
12:30. Benediction.

Sunday Afteroon—Young People's Service.

(At First Baptist Church, Santa Cruz.)

3:00. Echoes from Milwaukee.
4:00. Junior Rally.
5:00. Adjourn.

Evening.

(At Auditorium.)

7:00. Young People's Meeting. Led by Robt. N. Lynch.
8:00. Address. Rev. M. Slaughter.
8:20. Address.
8:40 Consecration Service and closing words by Delegates.
9:30. Adjourn.

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Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1896.

The General Baptist Convention of California held its Fifteenth Annual Session in the Auditorium at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County. It was called to order at 3:00 o'clock P. M. as per programme.

The President, Rev. C. M. Hill in the chair. The session opened with a prayer and praise service. In the absence of Rev. J. S. Norvell, who was not able to be at the opening of the session, the President, Rev. C. M. Hill led the opening exercises by giving out Hymn No. 7, in "Songs of the Kingdom" (a new Song Book published by The American Baptist Publication Society), and read Ps. 87, after which Hymns Nos. 1, 60, 138, 89, 23 and

57 were sung, many of the delegates present took part in the service of prayer, which lasted for an hour.

The President then announced the following Committees:

On Enrollment.—Revs. T. H. Stephens, J. George Gibson and R. D. Clark.

On Important Points in the Report of the Board of Managers:—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, S. C. Keetch and G. W. Donnel.

On motion, it was carried that a reporter be appointed to report the proceedings of the Convention to the Press, and the President was authorized to appoint the reporter. The President appointed Rev. C. Spurgeon Medhurst as reporter

Adjourned after prayer from Rev. G. W. Donnel to meet at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Tuesday Evening, August 26, 1896.

7:00. P. M. The Convention was called to order by the President. The session opened with a prayer and praise service led by D. P. Ward. Hymns Nos. 161, 4 and 71 were sung and many took part in praying and quoting passages from the Bible; this service was closed by a solo from Rev. J. George Gibson.

The Report of the Committee on Enrollment was presented and read by Rev. J. George Gibson, and on motion received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Alameda—Mrs. Thos. White, Mrs. Geo. R. Read, Miss Anna Larsen and Miss Estelle Read.

Anderson—Rev. Jas. H. Hargreaves, F. M. Read.

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Golden Gate—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Mrs. S. C. Keetch.

Gonzales—Rev. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. J. M. Helsley, Miss Julia Morel.

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Los Gatos—Mrs. S. Syversen, W. Stidston, E. French.

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Millville—Rev. W. M. McCart.

Mountain View, Memorial—Rev. Orin Crittenden, Miss Burke.

Middletown—No delegates.

Morgan Hill, Beth Eden—Rev. C. J. Thompson, Mrs. C. J. Thompson.

Napa—Rev. T. B. Hughes.

Oakland, First—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Mrs. M. M. Gray, Mrs. C. A. Higgins, Mrs. A. Still.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue—Rev. C. M. Hill, Rev. T. G. Brownson, Capt. H. T. Waite, Mrs. E. W. Darling, Mrs. Jas. Sunderland, Mrs. O. M. Vesper, Miss M. E. Berger.

Oakland, Twentieth Avenue—Rev. I. D. Wood, Mrs. I. D. Wood, Mrs. E. C. Bamford, Mrs. W. H. Lotourette, Miss M. E. Bamford, Mrs. Davis, Miss Tillie Davis.

Oakland, Beth Eden—Rev. J. L. Allen.

Oakland, Dano-Norwegian—Rev. P. Petersen.

Petaluma—Rev. J. M. Green, Mrs. J. M. Green, Mrs. E. Thompson.

Penryn—H. E. Parker, Mrs. H. E. Parker.

Red Bluff—No delegates.

Redding—No delegates.

Sacramento, Calvary—Rev. F. M. Mitchell, W. R. Strong, Geo. O. Hayford, T. K. Barkeworth, Mrs. T. K. Barkeworth, Mrs. Sarah Hall.

Sacramento, Emmanuel—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. E. S. Barfoot, Miss Sadie Sturtevant.

Sacramento, First—Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., Mrs. A. B. Banks, D. C. Kimberly, Mrs. S. M. Kimball, Miss Downing, Mrs. Richardson.

Salinas—Rev. E. B. Hatch, Mrs. L. A. Johnson, V. A. Poter.

San Francisco, First—Rev. M. P. Boynton, Mrs. M. P. Boynton, Mrs. M. Gardiner, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. E. F. Joy, Mrs. M. M. Davis Mrs. E. Fiske, Mrs. Alice King, Miss Sadie Phillips, Miss Ella Stone, O. C. Pope.

San Francisco, Emmanuel—Rev. J. George Gibson, Robert N. Lynch.

" *First German*—No delegates.

" *Hamilton Square*—Rev. A. M. Russell, Mr. Stephen Featherstone, Mrs. Stephen Featherstone.

" *Third*—Rev. Geo. E. Duncan, Mrs. Jane F. Duncan.

" *Chinese*—Miss Ross, Low Yick, Lum Lun.

" *Swedish*—Miss Hulda Lofgren.

San Jose, First—A. A. Smith, Frank H. Smith, Rev. H. W. Brayton, Mrs. H. W. Brayton, H. W. Brayton, Jr., Mrs. Lena Bolster, Mrs. Mary B. Squires, Mrs. L. A. Newell.

" *Emmanuel*—No delegates.

Santa Clara—Rev. C. S. Medhurst, Mrs. O. B. Kimball, Mrs. W. J. Burrell.

Santa Cruz, First—Rev. E. T. Sandford, S. B. Hatch, W. J. Howell, Ansel Litchfield.

Santa Cruz, Second—D. J. Brooks, Mrs. L. A. Taylor.

San Pablo—Miss M. A. Johnston.

Santa Rosa—Rev. E. H. Hayden, Mrs. E. H. Hayden, Miss L. Fauner, Miss M. Cozard, Miss McLeod, Robert Crane.

Stockton, First—Rev. G. W. Swift, F. M. Rowe, R. R. Reibenstein, Mrs. R. R. Reibenstein, Mrs. A. Ralph.

Sonora—No delegates.

Ukiah—No delegates.

Vacaville—Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D.

Vallejo, Cornell—No delegates.

Woodland—Rev. M. Slaughter.

Wright's, Temple Grove—Rev. R. D. Clark.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

AT LARGE.

Rev. C. A. Wooddy of Pacific Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jacques, in charge of Chapel Car, Emmanuel; D. P. Ward, State Sunday School Missionary.

The President, Rev. C. M. Hill, gave a few suggestions to the Convention in regard to its work and what it represented, as follows, which is very much condensed:

I wish first of all to congratulate the Convention on the auspicious beginning of this anniversary. The attendance even now at the opening is gratifyingly large. Not only the nearer Churches, but also some of the most distant ones are represented. Already a tone of earnest prayer and purpose has characterized the meeting.

I congratulate you upon the favorable circumstances under which we meet. The informal appearance of the Twin Lakes resort in general and the evident careful and thoughtful preparation and adornment of this auditorium promise to add greatly to our comfort and profit during the sessions of the Convention.

I congratulate you upon the record of another year's work for man and God. It is a record that shall not be wholly disclosed until the books are opened at the last day. We may be sure that the record will tell of many sacrifices and toils and successes. God's blessing has rested upon our labors in a conspicuous manner.

By way of suggestion, permit me to remind you that the interest of a meeting like this depends upon the interest of the individual delegates. The statement needs no special enforcement. Delegates who have come here have accepted responsibilities. The responsibilities involve the presence of the delegates at the sessions; their prayers and their hearty co-operation. The profit of the Convention depends upon its order and dignity.

We represent 10,000 Baptists; our Conventions, in a sense, 4,000,000 Baptists of the United States. What we do is done in the eyes of the world; therefore, we should guard well our words and consider well

every action here taken. Still further, the efficiency of the Convention meeting depends upon every one taking an interest in all the departments of work represented in these anniversaries. Let it be our purpose to make this convention gathering one of spiritual power. I ask your help in this. I trust we shall ask great things in great faith.

At the close of his remarks, Hymn No. 141 was sung. Rev. W. H. Latourette read Mark 16:14-20, followed by a prayer from Rev. F. M. Mitchell, and singing Hymn No. 48. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. I. D. Wood, Text 1, Kings 20:40, "While I was here and there, he was gone," closed by singing Hymn No. 139. On motion adjourned after prayer from Rev. C. A. Wooddy.

Wednesday, August 26, 1896.

At 6:30 A. M., and lasting until 7:30. Rev. J. S. Norvell, at the Sunrise Prayer and Praise Meeting, gave the first of four Bible Readings on "The Holy Spirit."

NOTE.—These Bible Readings on the Holy Spirit, delivered by Rev. J. S. Norvell at the Sunrise Prayer and Praise Meetings, held at Twin Lakes, during the sessions of the General Baptist Convention, having created such an interest that many of the delegates were desirous of having a synoposis of them. Brother Norvell has kindly furnished me with such, and I have inserted them in these Minutes at the time and day of each reading, and may those who read and study them derive as much benefit from them as those did who heard them at the Convention. O. C POPE.

No. 1.—THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MATT. 28:18-20. What a stupendous work was theirs! Sent to this ritualistic, self-righteous, unbelieving, Christ-crucifying people, to turn them back to accept the very One, whom they had rejected and put to death; to believe in Him alone for salvation and rest But againt every opposing force and circumstance they succeeded. Can we? Is the Christ we preach able to save men now? What a stupendous work is ours also. Sent to this unbelieving, infidelic, scientific, lawless, money-getting and pleasure-loving company of men and women to preach the Gospel and turn them back to Jesus Christ for salvation. Who who is able to "stand in the breach and make up the hedges?" Alas! none are able. Oh, Christian we must have Divine help now—else we are fighting a losing battle and trying to maintain a lost cause. But with Jesus as our Captain, He gives us His power, and we shall have continual victory in the face of every foe, see Luke 24: 49. Here is the secret of all our success. There is no greater promise in the Gospel than that of the Anointer—See Acts 1:8. "Ye shall receive power *after* that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. "This is the only source of *power* for my Christian life in service.

At 9 A. M. The President called the Convention to order, and asked Rev. C. H. Hobart to take the chair. The day's session opened with a Prayer and Praise service led by Rev. T. B. Hughes, which lasted for half an hour. At

the close, Rev. C. H. Hobart introduced the visitors, among whom were Rev. J. C. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jacques of the Chapel Car "Emmanuel."

At 9:30. The President took the chair and appointed the following brethren to serve on the Committee of Arrangements: Revs. E. T. Sandford, F. S. Lawrence, M. R. Wolfe, J. M. Helsley and Brother G. O. Hayford.

The Convention then nominated the following brethren to serve on the Committee of Nominations: H. E. McCune, Revs. S. C. Keetch, J. S. Norvell, M. Slaughter, E. B. Hatch and G. W. Disher.

Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., was on motion given the floor, and spoke in regard to a "Plan of Systematic Benevolence as set forth in the statement of the Commission on Systematic Christian Beneficence, and asked to have such a committee nominated."

PLAN OF SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

In order to render effective the undertakings of the Commission, it was deemed essential to summon to co-operation with it the three representative organized agencies already in co-operation throughout the country, viz.: the State Convention, the Association and the local Church. The terms in which the proposal is made are stated as follows:

STATE, ASSOCIATIONAL AND CHURCH COMMISSIONS.

1. With a view to rendering effective its work; it is recommended that the General Commission shall commend to each State Convention the formation of a State Commission of seven members to serve for three years.

2. The State Commission shall be requested to arrange for at least one session in connection with the annual meeting of the State Convention for the discussion of themes pertaining to the general subject of Systematic Christian Beneficence, and for promoting the practical aims of the General Commission

3. The State Commission shall be requested to keep in touch with the General Commission and be prepared to co-operate with it in carrying its plans into effective operation.

4. The State Commission shall be requested to secure the formation of an Associational Commission on Systematic Christian Beneficence in each association.

5. The Associational Commission shall be requested to secure the formation of a Church Commission on Systematic Christian Beneficence in each Church within the limits of the association.

6. It is recommended that the Conferences on Christian Beneficences, to be held in connection with the Baptist Anniversaries at Pittsburg (hereinafter referred to), and those in connection with the annual meetings of the State Conventions and of the associations, be of the same general character. At each there shall be presented definite data in reference to past beneficence, impartation of Biblical instruction on Christian stewardship; the awakening of the spirit of prayer concerning the subject, and definite instruction on the relation of right habits of giving to Christian life and growth.

On motion the nomination of this Committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Convention was presented and read by the Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Latourette, and after a full and free discussion the report was on motion received and adopted as read.

The Fifteenth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the General Baptist Convention of California.

To the General Baptist Convention of California—DEAR BRETHREN: At the close of another year of God's tender mercies, your Board herewith submits an account of its work, and to again return to you the trusts committed to its keeping. We give praise to our Great Head of the Church for His Conspicuous and signal help during the entire year. Our own souls have been refreshed by His Spirit, our Churches have been revived, nine new Churches have been organized, many souls have been born of God into the household of faith. With one exception, the lives of our Missionaries and of our Board have been spared. Our Missionary operations have been extended into fields hitherto untouched. More chapels than ever have been built. Our expenses for the year ending August 1st in one Missionary Department have all been met, and there remains a balance in the Treasury of nearly $100, and our old debt of $4747 has been reduced by $1800. For these unusual tokens of favor we give to the Lord of Harvest all the glory and praise, and let us take courage for the year to come, being confident of His continued help.

OUR MISSIONARY WORK.

For purposes of easy comparison with the work of former years, the statistical part of this report will cover the year ending March 31, 1896 The quarter succeeding that date will be reported separately as a supplement For the year thus indicated, the following were the Missionaries, the fields and the appropriations:

Mountain View	Rev. E. H. Hayden	1	Month	$ 16 66
Ham. Sq., San Francisco	Rev A M. Russell	12	"	300 00
Dano-Nor., Oakland	Rev. N Tychsen	12	"	416 66
Swedish, San Francisco	Rev. C. M. Nelson and M Karlson	10	"	400 00
Lakeport,	Rev. C. W. Haycock	2	"	16 66
Middletown	Rev C W Haycock	4	"	33 33
Middletown	Rev. N. C. Hansen	1	"	8 33
Morgan Hill	Rev. W. V. Gray	12	"	241 66
Emmanuel, San Jose	Rev. John Barr	5	"	83 33
Emmanuel, Sacramento	Rev. A J Sturtevant	12	"	200 00
Emmanuel, San Francisco	Rev J. George Gibson	3	"	125 00
Vacaville	Rev. S. C. Keetch	12	"	100 00
Cottonwood	Rev. M. Slaughter	9	"	135 00
Petaluma	Rev. J. M. Green	12	"	180 00
Exeter	Rev G W Archer	9	"	112 50
Lindsay	Rev. G. W. Archer	9	"	112 50
Beth Eden, Oakland	Rev. J. L. Allen	12	"	360 00
City Missionary, Oakland	Rev L. T Bush	1	"	50 00
Clovis and Vicinity	Rev Z C. Rush	9	"	75 00
Eureka	Rev. E T. Sandford	3	"	75 00
Corresponding Secretary	Rev. W. H. Latourette,	12	"	1500 00
	And necessary traveling expenses			

Edifice Missionary	Rev. I. D. Wood	12	Months	$1000 00
	And necessary traveling expenses.			
Missionary Evangelist	Rev. F. S. Lawrence	6	"	500 00
	And necessary traveling expenses.			
District Missionary	Rev. M. Slaughter	3	"	250 00
	And necessary traveling expenses.			
Dist. Missionary to colored people	Rev. J. L. Allen,	12	"	
	And necessary traveling expenses.			
Dist Missionary to Danes and Norwegians	Rev P. Petersen,	12	"	400 00
Dist. Missionary to Swedes	Rev. L. E. Nelson	11	"	733 00
	Total,			$7,424 63

A summary of the foregoing gives the number of Missionaries for all or part of the year as 24; the appropriations for salaries $7,424.63; for traveling expenses, postage and stationery $642,00. Total appropriations for the year $8066 63. Our pro rata of this sum $2638.22. Our receipts were $2752.72; leaving a balance in our treasury of $64.50. The report of these twenty-four missionaries show, an aggregate of results as follows:—Weeks of labor, 344; churches aided, 22; having a total membership of 1095; and Sunday School pupils, 1341; outstations supplied, 19; prayer meetings held, 45; baptisms, 77; received by letter and otherwise, 132; pages of tracts distributed, 16, 905. The number of churches asking less aid than formerly is three—Swedish of San Francisco, Dano-Norwegian of Oakland, Morgan Hill. The number attempting to get on without further aid is nine—Cottonwood, Antioch and Emmanuel of San Jose, Mountain View, Eureka, Madera, Lakeport, Petaluma and Vacaville.

OUR EDIFICE WORK.

In chapel building the year has been exceedingly encouraging; the number of edifices built was eight. Four more are being built, and others are expecting to build this fall; six of these chapels are on fields where there are none of any other denomination. All save two of these completed are paid for, and one of these has pledges payable within ninety days sufficient to meet all obligations. In aid of these buildings your Board has approved applications for gifts which have been granted in New York, as follows:

Dinuba	$400	Sittings	300	Value, with lot		$3,300
Armona	200	"	250	"	"	1,500
Lindsay	300	"	225	"	"	1,500
Lindsay	200—Loan					
Latonville	150	"	150	"	"	800
San Lucas	200	"	120	"	"	1,000
Cottonwood	225	"	125	"	"	1,050
Cohassett	150	"	150	"	"	950
Corning	125	"	150	"	"	925
Waterford	250	"	450	"	"	3,500

The usual conditions have been fulfilled and the money has been received by all these churches, save Corning, Laytonville and Cohassett. Corning has its house enclosed, Laytonville has lumber on the ground, and Cohassett may build this fall. Two gifts mentioned in the last Annual Report have been paid during this year, namely: Merced, $400 and Morgan Hill, $200. Since April 1, 1896, three other churches have been voted help, as follows: The Dano-Norwegian of Oakland, a gift of $400 and a loan of $600; sittings, 250; value, $3,200. The Round Valley Church at Covello, a gift of $100; sittings, 200; value, $1,100.

Orosi, $150; sittings, 250; value, $2000. No application for edifice help has been declined by our Board this year.

Time will not admit a full review of the benefits resulting from the chapel building work. Let Armona, without church or chapel of any denomination, bear witness. In but little over a year, the church beginning with ten members rose to sixty-five, thanks to God's blessing on Pastor G. W. Donnel's labors. Let Laytonville testify, twenty-five miles removed from any denomination and for years with no preaching, or Sunday School, here the Holy Spirit used the word preached by Brother G. W. Disher, nearly two score souls professed conversion and the little flock of six becomes thirty-one. Let Waterford place herself on record, three years ago, this prosperous railroad village had no church of any kind and there were only two Baptists in the place, Missionary W. R. Connelly organized a church with four members, two were added by baptism, an edifice substantial and commodious was simply enclosed and left to be finished when better times should come, two years of financial depression elapsed, then the church, by the offer of a gift, and by the coming again of Brother W. R. Connelly, is encouraged to complete the house, but when the work is begun, God does not wait for the completion of His Sanctuary before He visits His people, while the builder of so many of our chapels donates for three months his resources of purse hands, head and heart, the Lord works also; a blessed work of grace spreads over the community and good pastor M. R. Wolf sees the church grow to fourteen members, with others awaiting baptism. Surely the Master has set His seal of approval on our work of chapel building.

WORK AMONG THE CHINESE.

A year ago in May, at the instance of our A. B. H. M. Society, your State Board assumed the oversight of the work for the Chinese within our bounds. Financial obligation on the part of our Convention was not assumed; this work included the Chinese church property in San Francisco valued at $15,000.00 and in Fresno valued at $1200.00, both of these properties are free from debt, and the title is vested in the A. B. H. M. Society. The working force included the following: In San Francicso, four teachers of the night school, the Superintendent Brother H. F. Norris with the Missionary pastor of the church, Rev. Tong Kit Hing. In Chico, one night school and one teacher. In Visalia and in Oakland the same, also one District Missionary, Brother Chow Leung, who labors as an evangelist for his people in many places where they have never heard the gospel. The day school in San Francisco is not under the care of your Board, nor are the day and night schools of Sacramento and Fresno. These latter are conducted by Baptist organizations, other than our A. B. H. M. Society, but are in hearty co-operation with the said society. They also receive the constant attention of your Corresponding Secretary.

Along the lines above indicated, the Chinese work has been prosecuted with a good degree of efficiency. Nine conversions are reported, others are enquiring the way. The work of Evangelist Chow Leung is especially interesting and helpful. Several changes have occurred during the year. The Chico School, for want of funds, was discontinued October 1, 1895. The Visalia School was closed July 1st, by the removal to Oakland of the faithful teacher, Mrs. Egli, but the saddest change of all was the removal by death of our beloved and devoted Superintendent in San Francisco, H. F. Norris. His high character, exceeding usefulness and Christ-like disposition, all combined to fit him for his work. His

memory abides as a benediction upon us all. Suitable resolutions were adopted and spread upon our records, and his widow, long connected as a teacher with the school, was appointed his successor ad interim.

A REVIEW.

Returning now to the work of the year shall we examine its salient features? Most prominent of all was the rescinding of the plan by which the Convention co-operated with the various associations on a dollar for dollar basis. This action was taken after the most careful consideration and with the unanimous concurrence of A. B. H. M. Society. Advisory relations are still continued with the associations, but all applications for aid are now considered on their merits, without reference to how much money is given for State missions by the association to which the field desiring aid belongs. This was a radical change, but we believe it has met with the universal favor of the churches.

Next in prominence was the appointment of a Missionary Evangelist. The need for such a worker had long been recognized. The results of the appointment have been fully justified in the choice of Rev. F. S. Lawrence. His labors have been confined almost exclusively to weak or pastorless churches, which otherwise could not have been aided by our Board. Churches have been encouraged and their hands strengthened; erroneous teachings have been found and corrected, with Bible truth and in Christian love. The work of the Convention has been made clearer to many. Pioneer work has been done; souls have been led to the Lamb of God.

Another appointment of great value to the work was that of Rev. M. Slaughter, as District Missionary for North-eastern California. His work at Anderson, at Cottonwood, Shasta county, at Millville, Mill Creek, Round Mountain, Manton and other points have marked him as peculiarly fitted for the work of the District Missionary. Accordingly, he entered upon his new work January 1, 1896, and, like Brother Lawrence, the Lord has used him to the benefit of many a needy field. Both these brethren are with us to-day and will report their work in person.

A further matter of interest has been the liquidation of more than one-third of our debt to the Home Mission Society. A year ago this debt was $4,747 24. It is now $2,947 24. This reduction of $1,800 was accomplished by two payments, one of $800, derived from the sale in October of our old church property at Nevada City, and one of $1,000, by applying to this purpose that amount of funds held by the Treasurer as per his last report. The sale of the property at Nevada City was for $1,000 in full. Two hundred dollars was retained in the treasury on account of money previously advanced by the Board in securing and maintaining the same. The house had been built thirty-nine years, and was fast going into decay. There seemed no reasonable prospect of resuscitating the church. Only six members remained, and they far advanced in years. The price realized for the property was considered good. Two years previously it would not have fetched over half that sum. Thus to-day we rejoice in a debt reduced by $1,800 instead of $1,000, as was recommended a year ago. Yet again it is needful to note how the Lord has led us in a case in some respects the most difficult that has ever appealed to this Convention for help. Reference is now made to the Emmanuel Church of San Francisco, burdened with a mortgage debt of $13,000, unable even when at its best to meet its current expenses and interest. The tragedies which closed its doors for months cut off its regular income and threatened the church with extinction, speedy and entire. Some are here who recall the measures taken on this floor a year ago toward the relief of this church. Since that day many plans have

been proposed, many long and careful conferences held with the church, its Trustees, your Board, committees of neighboring pastors, Secretary Morgan and Superintendent Woods of the A. B. H. M. Society. Much correspondence was had with New York; the whole case was fully and frequently canvassed; the Board saw the only English-speaking Baptist Church in a population of 100,000; they saw a church of but eighty-eight active members, less than one third of these being males, with no wealthy members; they saw a debt which would aggregate $15,000 by December, 1896, and just beyond that date they foresaw the loss of the church property. At last a plan of help was adopted, taking effect January 1, 1896, the church agreed to pay on its debt within one year $3,440, thus reducing the mortgage debt to $10,000. Your State Board agreed to give them $500 toward their pastor's support. The A. B. H. M. Society made a special case of this church and added to this amount $200 from the Missionary Fund and $500 from the Edifice Fund. All these gifts are secured from loss to our denomination by a bill of sale of the church furniture. By this timely and liberal aid the church has been mightly encouraged; the regular congregations have doubled; eighteen members have been added; the debt has already been reduced to $10,500; the dissolution of the church has been averted; Pastor J. George Gibson preaches the Word of Life weekly to hundreds of people, and our God is being glorified. Again a movement fraught with most blessed results has been inaugurated by your Board since a year ago. Active and earnest co-operation with our A. B. Pub. Society has been maintained in Colportage and Sunday School Missionary work, as provided for in our constitution. Best of all, as a result of protracted correspondence with the said society, we rejoice in being able to introduce to you to-day our Sunday School Missionary, Mr. D. P. Ward. Yet he scarcely needs an introduction, so useful and so extensive have been his labors since his coming among us in October last. At the proper time he will submit his report; also your Board will submit a report of our Colportage work conducted in co-operation with the A. B. Pub. Society.

Another new departure in our work is here gladly recorded. For the first time in the history of our work we welcome to our ranks, Rev. C. A. Wooddy, now the District Secretary of the A. B. H. M. Society for the Pacific Coast District. His long residence in the far West, his full sympathy with all our work, his intimate acquaintance with the general work of our A. B. H. M. Society, his earnestness, faith, perseverance, all unite to fit him for effective service among us, we commend unreservedly to our churches, our brother and the work of our H. M. Society which he especially represents.

OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHERS.

First: The A. B. H. M. Society—These relations have been, as ever, most delightful and helpful. Indeed without such relations the missionary work of our State Convention could hardly be conducted. At our disposal was placed $6,500 for the year, and we might have received it all, but we ourselves failed by $500 of raising the pro rato, and so received $1,000 less than was offered us. Each year demonstrates more fully the necessity and the value of co-operating with our parent society—a partnership wherein we get absolutely all the profits. Each year adds to our debt of gratitude to our Eastern brethren, and calls to us more loudly to go beyond our own State and join hands and money with them in work throughout North America, especially for the Negroes, Indians and the eleven millions of Mexicans.

Second: The W. B. H. M. Society of California—Never has the work of our sisters been more fully appreciated than now, and never more indispensable. The loss of their aid would mean an annual loss to our Convention of $1,500 in our Missionary Fund alone. Aside from their help in this line, their donations in clothing and family supplies, amounting to $800 or $1,000 a year, enables many a pastor, who is not otherwise aided by our Convention, to remain on his field and to continue his usefulness. These quiet benefactions dispensed without ostentation are exceedingly precious to the Master. Our sisters will render us reports of their five departments of work, and the same will appear in the Minutes. We hereby record our thanks to them and rejoice that we are still associated with them as fellow-helpers unto the truth.

Third: With the A B. Pub. Society—We submit the following report of our first year's Colportage work in active co-operation with the A. B Pub. Society: August 1, 1895, Rev. C. W. Haycock entered into for six months at a salary of $300, payable one-half in cash from us and one-half in books from the Society. January 1, 1896, Mr. Henry Jackson accepted a similar appointment at the same rate of salary, closing his services August 1st. The reports of these two brethren show an aggregate of labor performed as follows:

Days of service	412	Miles Traveled	4,409
Bibles sold	69	Testaments sold	102
Bibles given away	11	Books given away	4
Books sold	42	Pages of tracts distributed	1,315
Sermons preached	132	Addresses made	88
Families found destitute of Bible	22	Families visited	1,374
Prayer meetings held	34	Individuals found destitute of Bibles	106
Sunday Schools organized	10	Letters written	188
Money collected			$82 35

Your Board expresses the belief in the fundamental and paramount importance of this Colportage work. In no other way can we reach more souls or reach them more effectively, but we have experienced no little difficulty in securing from our churches funds needful for its continuance. This we believe to be due chiefly to the newness of this work in the minds of our people. They do not yet seem to realize that this is an entirely new department of our work, reqiring for its prosecution special funds for this purpose, and that these funds must be collected from our churches and Sunday Schools during the months of April, May and June annually. The money in this fund has been considerably overdrawn and there is now a deficit of $39 99. For this reason the work closed August 1st, and we lay before you this report, desiring to know the attitude of our churches regarding the work for the future. We recommend that whatever may be done in this line shall be placed in charge of the efficient Sunday School Missionary, Mr. D. P. Ward, and under the direction of your Board as provided for in our constitution.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

His reports for fifteen months, ending June 30, 1896, are at hand. They show that the clerical work of his office during the past twelve months has been 25 per cent above that of any preceeding year; also the added care of the Chinese work and of the Colportage work has entailed much extra labor.

Following is a partial summary of his itemized accounts, from April 1, 1895, to June 30, 1396:

Weeks of labor	65
Sermons	83
Addresses	71
Churches visited	95
Sunday Schools	43
Letters and postal cards written	2,462
Miles traveled	10,620
Missionary money passed through his hands	$1,062 22
Traveling expenses	$239 70
Postage	$48 10
Stationery, etc	$38 18
Committee and Board meetings attended	53
Minister's meetings	33
Official consultations	1,135

NOW WHAT OF THE YEAR TO COME.

First: As to our opportunities—God has given us a goodly heritage. He has opened to us wide doors. The nations of the world are gathering here. We are here and have the Gospel. Already our churches are organized among seven different races. Is there any other State in the Union where we have such a representation of varied work? We know of none. What does it mean that we have churches within our own Convention bounds for Chinese, Armenians, Swedes, Danes and Norwegians, Germans, Colored people and for our own Americans? Why this hopeful beginning among so many nationalities? Why, but that the Lord intends mighty work for us among these and other peoples? Look again at the vast and populous areas of our State as yet untouched by any denomination. At least eight hundred school districts have neither preaching nor Sunday Schools. Scores of mining camps and lumber districts are utterly without the Gospel. What are these but indications for us to go out and gather the Lord's harvest? And is not this invitation for us all, not for a few only? If our State is to be evangelized at all the work must be done principally through our small churches, and for this reason we have exceedingly few churches that are not small. The number of churches paying even $800 salary is less than twenty. Comparatively speaking, we have no large and wealthy churches that can make a specialty of State evangelization, and it is well that it is thus. The Lord has left to each of us His work. Shall we not each go into the vineyard and receive a laborer's reward?

Second: As to our resources—Here we look upward before we look around. Our God is able to supply all our needs. Our sufficiency is of Christ. If we obey Him in the use of what we have, He will do for us great things. He asks us: "What hast thou in thy house?" We answer: We have 150 churches and about 9,500 members; we have consecrated and competent ministers and layworkers, Gospel wagons and a chapel car. We have Eastern friends who helped us long and liberally. These friends assure us of their desire still to help, but times have so changed within the past ninety days that instead of $6,000 for the year to come, we cannot safely assume that they will be able to give us even half of that amount. For larger financial help they tell us we must look to ourselves and to ourselves alone, and surely we ought to do so. We confess with sorrow that we fell short $500 last year and thereby lost $1,500 of what we might have had. Who but God knows what souls might have been saved if we had only raised that $500, and if they are lost who is responsible? Lord is it I? Shall we not from this very day

begin in earnest the work of self-help? Shall not State missions henceforth receive our best efforts? For our own State work shall we not talk, give, labor and pray? Shall we not have an offering this year from every church, woman's society, Sunday School and Young People's Society? And shall we not have that offering not late in the year, but during October, November or December—the quarter adopted for State work? Dear brethren of this Convention, the work is yours. What is your answer? What shall we do in the year to come? Your active attention is earnestly directed to the following letter just received from Rev. H. C. Woods, D. D., Superintendent of Missions for the district in which our Convention is included:

COPY OF H. C. WOOD'S, D. D., LETTER.

Rev. W. H. Latourette,

"My Dear Brother: I hope you will have a good convention. I think you will do wisely to make very few appointments. Indeed, if they are made it is more than doubtful if the New York State Board will approve them. The financial situation every day grows more distressing. I hope that you will give your most earnest attention to the question of enlisting your own people in the State work. This is the only relief that I can see. Everything shoul l be subordinated to that. I hope you will endeavor to devise new methods which shall reach not only the largest churches, but individual givers. It seems to me the supreme question now is how more fully to enlist the larger churches in the State Convention work. You were notified of the amount appropriated this year to Northern California. But you cannot assume that that amount or even the half of it can be actually paid. The times have so changed that the most radical measures in the way of retrenchment may be necessary. Surely the times are very dark and the Lord only can send us deliverance.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) H. C. Woods.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

Inasmuch as the Superintendent of Missions in the Rocky Mountain Division has notified the Board of the enormous debt of $115,000 now incurred and the probability of having to borrow $50,000 more to carry the work to January 1, 1897, and it being doubtful if even the present force of Missionaries could be continued until that time, and strongly advising no enlargement of the work. Therefore, your Committee has made a careful examination of the number of Missionaries now on field and the money necessary to keep them on their respective fields at the present ratio of assistance by the Board. In view of the above, the Board desires to raise in the Convention the question of placing in the coming year emphasises upon established pastors rather than upon District Missionaries, and it is the judgment of your Committee, in view of the straightened condition of our Home Mission Treasury, as well as the financial depression in our own State, that, for the present, the offices of District Missionaries be discontinued, except where the work of a District Missionary is done in connection with a regular pastorate, such

as the work among the Colored people, Danes, Norweigans and Swedes. We desire that it be fully understood that in no way do we mean to reflect upon the character of the work done or the desirability of having such Missionaries, but your Committee feel that the establishment of permanent churches should receive the first consideration of the Board. We further respectfully call the attention of the Board to the appropriations made to the different churches, and ask whether or not they may be able to carry their work with less than they now receive, in view of the great strain upon our treasury? In reference to the indebtedness due the New York Board, your Committee recommended that such properties as we now have for sale be converted into cash at the earliest practical moment and the proceeds paid into the New York Treasury at once, together with any other money that may be available, and we further recommend that the incoming Board make an effort to discharge, if possible, the entire indebtedness during the year.

(Signed) A. B. Banks Chairman,
H. F. Waite,
M. P. Boyton, Secretary. } *Committee.*

SUPPLEMENT.

As a supplemental report made necessary by the change of date in holding this Convention, we give the following statistics of the work for the quarter beginning April 1, 1896:

Number of Missionaries	15
Weeks of service	168
Sermons	617
Addresses	21
Prayer meetings	270
Religious visits	1,129
Sunday Schools organized	5
Tracts distributed	4,990
Baptisms	17
Lord s supper administered	41

During this quarter work was taken up at Middletown, Laytonville, Reedley, Dinuba and four other out-stations. The present rate of appropriations is $8,000 per annum. All obligations have been met to August 1st, counting the money now in the treasury, and there now remains a balance of $106 50.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Latourette,
Corresponding Secretary.

After a full and free discussion the report was received and adopted as read.

The Report of the Treasurer, C. F. Baker, was presented and read by W. H. Latourette, and on motion was received and referred to the Auditor, G. O. Hayford. After which the Report of the Committee on Important Points in the Report of the Board of Managers was presented and read by the Chairman, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORTANT POINTS.

In the report of your Board, your Committee deem no point unimportant. Some, however, are more important than others, and we deem it wise to pass hastily over some that we may concentrate your attention upon a few things that seem to us especially worthy of your deepest consideration.

First—With profound gratitude to God we recognize His hand in the success granted to our workers, whereby churches have been organized, chapels built, debts reduced and large numbers of souls have been saved.

Second—The report calls attention to the Edifice Work of the Society, and we note with satisfaction the very encouraging results of such work during the past year. Many of our churches are now worshipping in comfortable church homes, which have been only made possible by the help given them from the Edifice Fund. Such facts as the report brings to our notice ought, surely, to increase an appreciation of our Edifice work. There are still forty-two churches in our State without church edifices.

Third—We would call attention to the very commendable change of plan of appropriations from that of *pro rata plan* with associations to that of appropriations to individual churches and individuals as to their needs, irrespective of *pro rata* payments upon their past. This we regard as in keeping with the Word, enjoining the strong ought to heed the infirmities of the weak, and that in time we believe will result in financial gain.

Fourth—In view of the increased clerical duties assumed by our Corresponding Secretary, added to which is his case of the Chinese and Colportage work, thereby greatly increasing his already arduous duties, we feel it our duty to express our heartfelt appreciation of work thus done.

Fifth—The financial situation as outlined by the report and emphasized by correspondence with the General Superintendent, H. C. Woods, D D., furnishes food for the greatest consideration of this Convention. It is the judgment of your Committee that the obligations of liberal giving toward our State Convention work in the present trying emergency, should be laid upon the hearts of all our churches with especial emphasis. "Men of Israel, help!" Now as never before. It is needful that every church, strong or weak, and every member, great or small, rally to the financial support of the cause of Christ as represented by our State Convention.

(Signed) A. J. STURTEVANT,
G. W. DONNEL,
S. C. KEETCH. } *Committee.*

The report was received and thrown open for discussion. Many of the delegates took part in a full and free discussion, after which, on motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the Report of Colportage Work was deferred until Friday morning.

At 10:30 A. M. addresses were made by the Missionaries and others, this was followed by prayers from many of the brethren. In the place of an address by Rev. F. M. Mitchell [as per programme], after which, on motion, the Convention adjourned until the evening.

Wednesday Evening, August 26, 1896.

The Convention was called to order at 7 P. M. by the President, who asked Brother B. B. Jacques, of the Chapel Car "Emmanuel," to lead the prayer and praise service, which consisted of singing, praying and quoting passages from the Bible, in which many of the delegates participated.

At 7:30—The President introduced the following friends to the Convention: Mrs. Clark, Miss Maybelle Clark, Revs. W. M. McCart, Jas. H. Hargreaves, A. J. Melchonian, D D., G. W. Sfwit. B. F. Farmer and Brothers —. Demart, John Spear, Lum Lun, Low Tick, Professor Williams and Miss Medora L. Berry.

After which the President announced the following Committees:

On Time, Place and Preacher—Revs. M. P. Boynton, W. V. Gray, B. F. Farmer, C. J. Thompson, P. Petersen.

On Resolutions—Revs. G. W. Swift, J. H. Hargreaves, Brother W. R. Strong, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Mrs. A. B. Banks.

On Sunday Schools—Rev. T. B. Hughes, Brothers H. Jackson, Robert N. Lynch, Miss M. E. Berger, Mrs. M. P. Boynton.

On Religious Literature—Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., Rev. R. D. Clark, D. P. Ward, Mrs. C. A. Higgins, Mrs. J. Sunderland.

On Obituaries—Rev. C. S. Medhurst, Rev. J. B. Saxton, H. T. Waite, Mrs. E. W. Darling, Mrs. S. C. Keetch.

On A. B. Missionary Union—Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Rev. M. Slaughter, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. S. Featherstone.

A. B. H. M. Society—Rev. F. M. Mitchell, Rev. G. W. Donnel, Rev. J. L. Allen, Mrs. E. F. Joy, Mrs. F. S. Lawrence.

A. B. Pub. Society—Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. I. D. Wood, Rev. W. H. Latourette, W. B. Downing.

There being no objection these Committees were each accepted as read.

Rev. C. A. Wooddy gave an interesting address on "Fifty Years Home Missions Work on the Pacific Coast."

The Report of the Committee on the A. B. H. M. Society was presented and read by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

REPORT ON A. B. H. M. SOCIETY.

Through another year the A. B. H. M. Society has prosecuted its great work with its accustomed earnestness, faithfulness and success and the record of the year's work is now complete. The last report shows the Society to have supported in whole or in part during the past year 1,147 laborers, representing all parts of our country, many different nationalities and several lines of work.

Sixty-three of these laborers have worked in California. As a result of the labors of the Society's Missionaries, 187 churches have been organized; 11,430 members have been added to the Missionary Churches. No figures, however, can properly represent the importance of the great work carried on by the A. B. H. M. Society. It has carried on its work the past year at a total expense of $488,188 94, reducing its great debt more than $21,000. The stringency of the times, however, has within the last ninety days brought about a crisis in the affairs of the Society.

The appeals from the officers of the Society are most touching indeed, and should meet with a prompt and generous response. Your Committee desires to call the attention of the Convention to the distinction between our State or Convention work and the general work of the Society. At present very few of our churches are contributing to our H. M. Society. The money raised here is all and more than all spent here. We further call your attention to the fact that should any of our churches feel their great obligation to the H. M. Society, and desire to contribute to its funds, there is no place in our present system of benevolences for any contributions to the parent Society, and if this Convention desires its constituent churches to contribute to the funds of the A. B. H. M. Society, it should so modify its plan of giving, as to include this great and worthy object.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. Lawrence, A. J. Sturtevant,
S. C. Keetch, W. R. Strong.

On motion the Report was adopted as read.

Adjourned after prayer from Rev. C. J. Thompson, to meet Thursday morning at 9 A. M.

Thursday Morning, August 27, 1896.

At 6:30 and lasting until 7:30 A. M. the Sunrise Prayer and Praise Service was held; led by Rev. J. S. Norvell.

No. 2.—THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 1:4-5. Wait for the promises of the Father: God is three in one. God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in Christ becomes our Father by the Holy Spirit. All this the believer has. Without this no man has any inheritance, because he has no sonship. Jesus redeemed and saved us, how? He took the place of a servant, renounced Himself. "Not my will," was his cry always after His baptisms, and his surrender was absolute; see Phill 2:5-8. But the Holy Spirit, when He came, became absolutely the servant of Jesus Christ; see John 16:13. Now if I am ever of any real service to God I, too, must yield absolutely to the Holy Spirit. He is to be our Master.

But Jesus cannot [and I say it reverently, but sadly] send this Divine anointing on whomsoever He will. Ah! He wills to send Him upon every child of His, but is hindered. All are not in a condition to use such power; suppose we receive power upon all our fleshly ambitions, our desires to do and be something, such power as this anointing means would be used to further our own cause and magnify *our* name. No, if ever a child of God receives the Holy Spirits enduement of power, his surrender must be absolute.

At 9:00 A.M.—The President called the Convention to order, and began the days' session by a Prayer and Praise Service, led by Rev. T. J. Stephens, and closed at 9:30 by a prayer from Rev. A. M. Russell, and the Convention adjourned for one hour to give way to the "Womens Baptist Foreign Missionary Society."

At 10:30 A. M.—The President called the Convention to order, and requested Judge H. E. McCune to take the chair, who did so.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and read by the President, Rev. C. M. Hill.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the work of the Foreign Missions submit for your consideration the following:

We recognize with the deepest gratitude to God the fruitfulness of the work done during the year, through our great Foreign Mission Society, the A. B. M. Union. The singular blessing of God upon the efforts of Baptists is indicated by the following comparisons of expenditures and results [we quote in substance though not in words]. Five leading Foreign Missionary Societies, viz.: The American Presbyterian Board North, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions [Congregationalist], the American Methodist Episcopal Board, the

London Missionary Society and the Church Missionary Society had in 1895 a total of 362,000 communicants in mission fields. Their total expenditure was $4,721,000. In 1895 the number of communicants in the mission field of the American Baptist Missionary Union was 190,998, and its expenditures was $568,000. In other words, with one-eighth of the expenditure of money we have considerably more than one-half as many communicants on mission fields as all the above-named Societies combined. Such facts should not stir our pride, but rather deepen our humility and increase our devotion. When we add to the record the fact that during last year our Missionaries have baptized in foreign lands 11,552 persons, we find abundant proof of God's favor resting upon our work. But there is another side not so encouraging. The debt of the Union, although reduced $26,129 19 last year, still amounts to the appalling sum of $163,827 63. The reduction was due entirely to legacies, which were unusually large. The contributions for the year were only $295,920 20. This is the most alarming fact in the entire series. It should receive our most careful and prayerful consideration. It is an absolute necessity to the success of our work in foreign lands that Missionary giving shall be largely increased this year, otherwise disastrous retrenchment will be absolutely necessary. We trust that no one will be misled by unfortunate statements as to lack of enconomy in in the administration of the funds. The Union has been able to steadily reduce the relative cost of the work, so that now every dollar contributed goes direct to the front, all expenses being paid by income from invested funds. This report would suggest that if any of our people want specific information on this point of economy, they write to the District Secretary.

Vigorous retrenchment has been made again this year. Expenses have been reduced $30,000 by cutting down appropriations wherever possible without absolute disaster to the work. Retrenchment has been carried even to the point of refusing to send veteran Missionaries back to the fields where they are so much needed, to which they greatly desire to return.

We would emphasize two recommendations of the Union:

First—That the monthly Missionary Concert of Prayer be observed in all our churches. The Union desires to form a prayer register of all churches that will establish, if they have not already done so, a special meeting for prayer for the progress of the Gospel and the triumph of the Kingdom in all lands. Let us heed this earnest call to prayer. It is the right keynote in these days of financial distress—a disaster which will prove a great blessing, if it leads us to real dependence upon the Infinite Helper.

Second—We recommend, as suggested by the Union, the appointment in every church of a Standing Committee on Missions, whose duty it shall be to assist the pastor in arousing and crystallizing Missionary interests in the local church.

We commend the faithful work of our District Missionary, Rev James Sunderland, D. D., through whose labors the contributions for the Union on the Pacific Coast reached last year the sum of $8,088 88, and we ask for him the heartiest co-operation of all our churches. And, finally, we beseech our brethren, one and all, to remember that the cause of Foreign Missions is the cause of God; that it is founded in Divine Authority, that the obligation is binding upon every one until Christ shall come again.

(Signed) C. M. Hill,

For the Committee.

On motion the report was received and thrown open for discussion. The discussion was opened by an address by Rev J. Sunderland, D. D. At the close of his address the Convention sang, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow," and then many of the brethren took part in the discussion.

By permission, Miss Medora L. Berry addressed the Convention on "Training the Young People in Mission Work."

An address was given by Mr. George Warner on "Experiences and Prospects in Western China," after which the Convention adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

Afternoon.

At 2:30—The Convention was called to order and held a prayer and praise for half an hour, and, on motion, adjourned until 7 P. M.

Evening.

At 7 P. M.—The Convention was called to order by the President, and opened with a Prayer and Praise Service, led by F. H. Smith, lasting for thirty minutes and closing with prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch.

At 7:30—A sermon on "Foreign Missions" was delivered by Rev. C. Spurgeon Medhurst, after which, on motion, the Report on Foreign Missions was adopted as read. The Convention then adjourned and gave way to the Education Society. The Educational Sermon was delivered by the President of California College, Highland Park, T. G. Brownson.

Friday Morning, August 28, 1896.

From 6:30 to 7:30 A. M.—The third of the series of Bible Readings on "The Holy Spirit" was given by Rev. J. S. Norvell, and is as follows:

No. 3—THE HOLY SPIRIT.

HOW TO OBTAIN THE DIVINE ANOINTING.

Read Rom. 6:13, Mal. 3:10. Brother, you may seek power, or a higher life, or some Mystic Blessing. But there are just two things that will meet this case and your need. First—You are to have *all* of God. Second—God is to have *all* of you. You ask how can I have all of God. By the Holy Spirit; see Acts 1:8, John 14:16.23, Ephes. 3:17-19. But God is to have all of you, and never until He gets possession can you have His power. The secret is in the word "*yield.*" It is God's request; His demand; His law. God wants to get possession of you, and asks that you surrender absolutely to Him and he will endow you with all that He has. Here is the telling test. Oh, what a solemn real thing is this surrender! It means a total surrender to the will of God. It includes all. It settles all. Have you made it? Rom. 12:1 Henceforth not my own Have you been trying somehow to get along without this power? Oh, my brother, you misrepresent Him without it. Cry out, "I yield, I yield."

At 9 A. M.—The President called the Convention to order and commenced the day's session by a Prayer and Praise Service, led by D. P. Ward. Sang Hymns No's 100, 52, 54 D. P. Ward read Romans 12, after which many of the brethren took part in prayers and closed the service by singing "Wonderful Words of Life."

At 9:30—The President asked Rev. J. Geo. Gibson to pray, he did so, and then the Convention sang Hymn No. 87. By request of the President, Rev. E. L. Sandford took the chair, as the President was obliged to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers. The Report on Colportage Work was presented and read by W. H. Latourette [see Report of Board of Managers]. On motion, the report was received and thrown open for discussion. Before entering into this discussion an address was made by Colporter Henry Jackson, after which many of the brethren took part. On motion the report was adopted as read.

At 10 A. M.—The Report of the Committee on the American Baptist Publication Society was presented and read by Rev. M. P. Boynton. On motion, the report was thrown open for discussion and referred back to the Committee for Amendments.

A resolution was presented and read by Rev. T. B. Hughes in regard to the Colportage work, and is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Convention the work of Colportage has been so successful that it ought to be not only continued, but enlarged."

On motion, it was adopted as read.

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was presented and read by Rev. J. S. Norvell.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to report as officers of our Convention the following brethren:

President—Rev. C. M. Hill.

Vice Presidents—Rev. E. T. Sandford, Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rev. J. F. Moody, Rev. E. H. Hayden, Rev. G. W. Donnel, Rev. J. S. Ross.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. W. H. Latourette

Recording Secretary—O C. Pope.

Auditor—D. M. Carman.

Directors—Revs. M. P. Boynton, E. B. Hatch, A. B. Banks, D. D., S. B. Randall, J. S. Norvell, W. L. Gaston, S. C. Keetch, Brothers H. E. McCune, S. B. Hunkins, F. W. Latz, Geo. O. Hayford.

State Commission on Systematic Benevolences, to be elected for three years, to meet with the State Convention once a year at its annual meeeting are:

Revs. C M. Hill, C. H. Hobart, M. P. Boynton, T. B. Hughes, F. M. Mitchell and J. Geo. Gibson, all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. Hatch, S. C. Keetch,
H. E. McCune, J. S. Norvell,
G. W. Disher, M. Slaughter.
} *Committee*

On motion, the report was received as read.

On motion, the Secretary of the Convention was instructed to cast the ballot for the officers as nominated. He did so, and the President declared them duly elected to serve as officers of the Convention for the ensuing year.

The Report of the Committee on the American Baptist Publication Society was presented and read, with the amendments, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your Committee is devoutly thankful to God for the three score years and ten and more that have marked the history of the A. B. P. Society. The denomination is to be congratulated upon the possession of such a society. The past year has been one of triumph and trial. From the ranks of busy workers, Dr. Thomas Armitage has been taken to his great reward. Dr. C. C. Bitting, after thirteen years of faithful service, on account of ill health was compelled to resign. Dr. R. G. Seymour is his successor. We welcome and wish him great success.

On Sunday morning, February 2, 1896, the beautiful and commodious building of the Society was destroyed by fire. Many valuable books, records and papers were lost. Total insurance upon building and contents was $364,750, all of which has been satisfactorily adjusted. The brethren were equal to this great trial, and in a few days were filling every order, new quarters were rented, books re-issued and the business of the Society as well cared for as ever. A new building will be erected

on the old site, twelve stories high, costing $400,000. Many valuable books have been issued during the year. Dr. Gordon's "Ministry of the Spirit," "How Christ Came to Church," "Beautiful Joe," etc., have been issued in German and Swede.

The Missionary work of the Society has been greatly blessed of God, while less than one hundred Colporteurs are in the field, yet 1,280,000 families have been visited during the history of this kind of work. No better investment of Missionary money can be made than by putting it into just this kind of Christian activity.

The Chapel Cars have rolled on, with the Gospel Message preached and sung by the faithful Missionaries abroad. We regret deeply the death of sunny, brave and earnest Rev. E. G. Wheeler, who was suddenly called to his reward. But we welcome to the work he laid down the sweet singers, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques of Lowell, Mass., who were appointed March 10, 1896. With deep gratitude we recognize this branch of the Society's work on our Coast. It now costs $10,000 per year to carry on the Chapel Car work.

Under the care of the Society the Sunday Schools are growing in number all over our land. Eighty-six men are in this field of labor, who have established 126 Sunday Schools last year. There is deep need that we liberally sustain this work, for out of a population of 22,000,000 of children under twenty-one years of age, but 10,000,000 are enrolled in our Sunday Schools, leaving 12,000,000 to be gathered in. We commend our churches throughout this State for so generally using the Literature of the Denomination's Publishing House. We desire to recommend, at this point, that the Board of Managers of the State Convention be requested to communicate with our Publication House, looking to the placing of Sunday School supplies for this Coast with the office of the "Pacific Baptist" at Portland, Oregon, and we respectfully urge all Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools to order their Sunday School supplies from that office as soon as arraugements above suggested are made. There has flowed throughout the year a constant stream of Bibles and religious tracts from the presses and rooms of the Society. This stream has flowed into the valleys and among the hills of our entire land, and, like the oceanic currents, crossed the seas. Thousands upon thousands of Bibles and tracts have been given away. During the year it is hoped that the entire Old Testament as revised by Drs. Conant, Sampey, Price, Taylor and Harper will be given to the world.

Your Committee desire to thank the Society for what has been done in our own field, we welcome as Sunday School Missionary, Mr. D. P. Ward, so long a blessing to South Dakota, and now with his good cheer and earnest labor blessing us. Colporter Henry Jackson has ably discharged the duties of his position in the northern portion of our State. For all the work proposed in Sunday Schools and Colportage we ask the churches for earnest prayers, liberal gifts and heartiest co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. Boynton, A. B. Banks,
Frank M. Mitchell, G. O. Hayford. } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted as read.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and read by Rev. G. W. Swift. The report was referred back to the committee for amendments.

A resolution was presented and read by Rev. M. P. Boynton, and, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

"That Article VI, of the Constitution be changed to read as follows: 'That the Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board.'"

The report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was presented and read by Rev. B. F. Farmer, and after a full and free discussion was referred back to the Committee. Adjourned after prayer from Rev. Geo. E. Duncan.

Evening.

At 7 P. M.—The President called the Convention to order, and being called away to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers, Rev. F. M. Mitchell, by request, presided. The evening's session opened with a Prayer and Praise Service, led by Rev. J. Geo. Gibson. Topic, "Praise and Promise." Hymns No's 57, 48, 17 and 60 were sung. Many of the brethren quoted promises from the Bible. Rev. J. Geo. Gibson sang a solo, and the services closed with a prayer from Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D.

At 7:35—Rev. F. L. Sullivan addressed the Convention. Topic, "Pacific Baptist," after which Rev. C. A. Wooddy spoke on the same topic, followed with prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch.

At 8:05—D. P. Ward, the State Sunday School Missionary, gave an address on California Baptist Sunday School work, and is as follows:

To the General Baptist Convention of California:

In July, 1895, I received official notice from our Publication Society of my appointment as State Sunday School Missionary for California. On the first day of October I commenced work, hence my report covers a period of about ten and one-half months.

ASSOCIATIONS—A part of the time of a Sunday School Missionary is given in attending Associations, and since October 1st I have attended seven Associations and one State Convention [Southern California]. At nearly all of these your Missionary has conducted Boys' and Girls' Meetings, given Normal Lessons and Addresses upon Sunday School work.

INSTITUTE WORK—After having visited a large per cent of the Baptist Sunday Schools of the State, I am convinced that we need better Sunday Schools. We need more Bible study and better teachers and superintendents. A Sunday School Institute should be held within the reach of every Sunday School as often as once a year.

VISITING SUNDAY SCHOOLS—It is expected that the Sunday School Missionary will visit as often as possible the Sunday Schools in his field, and give suggestions and encouragements and interest our churches in

the Sunday School Missionary work of the State. We are glad to have had the opportunity of visiting many of our Sunday Schools and expect to visit every one as soon as possible.

New Schools—Your Sunday School Missionary is ever on the alert for places to plant new schools, and we urge pastors and superintendents to be on the lookout for neighborhoods where no schools are held. Many times a church receives its best workers from these country fields. The number of schools in this State ought to be doubled in the next five years.

Recommendations—First—The Sunday School Committee in each Association should take a more active interest in the Sunday School work in the Association, and great care should be taken in selecting persons that are deeply interested in the work and will do the work assigned them. Second—We believe that the time has come when a Baptist Sunday School Convention should be organized, holding at least one session a year for the special object of advancing the interest of our Baptist Sunday School work in the State.

Children's Day—Allow me to express my gratitude that a large per cent of our schools in this State have observed "Children's Day" and made an offering to the Missionary work of our Publication Society. The opportunity for the Baptists of California was never greater than now. Work with the boys and girls and the young people is a foundation work that will count for Christ in days to come. Let us join hands in this work for the Youth of our State and make every year brighter and better than the past has been. I give below a statement of work accomplished since October 1, 1895:

SUMMARY OF WORK.

New schools organized.....11	Schools visited and addressed.....77
Institutes held.....12	Associations attended.....7
State Conventions attended.....1	Addresses given.....275
Boys' and Girls' Meetings held. 25	Letters written.....1,075
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....1,138	Miles travelled.....13,700

Yours in Christ,
David P. Ward.

After which the Convention joined in singing Hymn No. 234. Brother B. B. Jacques spoke of the Chapel Car work as carried on with the Chapel Car "Emmanuel," followed by singing by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques.

The Educational work was taken up from the table for discussion. A resolution was presented and read by Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., and is as follows:

Whereas, the prosperity of our College demands great interests on the part of our churches and the people at large, as well as an increase of students; therefore,

Resolved: That this Convention urge the Trustees of the College to arrange with the President of the same to spend a considerable portion of his time for the coming year in presenting the work and needs of our College to our churches and people throughout the State. As a further

means of arousing our people to the importance of our Educational work we recommend the appointment of a committee to arrange for a series of Educational meetings and to provide speakers for the same.

On motion, this resolution was adopted as read.

The Report of the Committee on Resolutions was again presented and read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

First—*Resolved:* That we most earnestly recommend to all the churches in this Convention, the possibility and importance of renewed zeal in the work of our Sunday Schools. If we can gather in the children and they are developed under Gospel influence, it will prove the most potent factor, *next to the Holy Spirit*, in securing California for Christ.

Second—*Resolved:* That in the contact with the public evils, the two gigantic and most destructive powers are Intemperance and Sabbath desecration—Inasmuch as they are growing evils and threaten to flood our State—We, therefore, sacredly pledge ourselves in renewed hostility against these powers.

Third—*Resolved:* That we express our highest appreciation for the efficient service rendered by Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., the retired President of California College, and that we extend Rev. T. J. Brownson Christian greeting and hail his advent among us with pleasure. That we will sustain him in his work by our sympathy, prayers and all possible financial support to California College.

Fourth—*Resolved:* That we renew our obligations of hearty support to the A. B. M. U. and the A. B. P. Society and our A. B. H. M. Society. That we will add fervor to our prayers and increased zeal to our co-operative labor, to sustain these great aims of our denominational body.

Fifth—*Resolved:* That we express our sympathy with the First Baptist Church of Fresno, in the disastrous fire that consumed their building.

Sixth—*Resolved:* That we view with pleasure the large increase in attendance at our State Convention and the more manifest interest shown in our work. We, therefore, suggest that next year the time of the Convention be extended to ten days instead of five, giving us more time to discuss the methods of work that will advance our denominational intetest and the cause of Christ.

Seventh—*Resolved:* That we look with prayerful interest upon the work of the Chapel Car. We hope for and expect great results from the present management of Brother B. B. Jacques and his wife. We also view with approval the introduction of a Gospel wagon and commend the new departure to the prayerful consideration of our people.

Eighth—*Resolved:* That the Pacific Baptist is doing a good work and needed service for this Coast and aiding our Convention work. That we should support the paper by taking it in every Baptist family on the

Coast, and urging upon the pastors this need within our Convention bounds.

Ninth—*Resolved*: That the thanks of this Convention be expressed to the press for its courtesies and also to the Railroad Companies for reduced rates, to the Twin Lakes Improvement Company for the use of the Auditorium and other privileges given.

Tenth—*Resolved*: That we carry with us the influence of this Convention, its spirit and zeal, and trust that in all the churches of this State there may be felt the same spirit of loving earnestness that shall be a great blessing ere we meet again in Convention work.

Eleventh—*Resolved*: That some plans be considered by which advantage can be given to pastors and delegates coming from distant parts of the State, in the way of shelter and entertainment while attending the Convention.

W. R. Strong, Mrs. A. B. Banks,
G. W. Swift, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, } *Committee*
Jas. H. Hargreaves.

On motion, the report was adopted as read.

The Report of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher was presented and read.

REPORT ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your Committee recommend that the next meeting be held at Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz, beginning the Tuesday after the third Sunday in August and to continue in session for ten days.

For the preacher of the annual sermon we recommend Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., pastor of First Baptist Church of Sacramento, and as alternate, Rev. J. Spencer Norvell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Fresno.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. Boyton, Chairman, C. J. Thompson,
B. F. Farmer, Secretary, P. Petersen. } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was received and adopted as read.

On motion, the Secretaries of the Convention were given authority to condense the Minutes of the Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday School work was presented and read by Robert N. Lynch.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to present the following report:

We regard the Sunday School as one of the most important works of the church, training the children for Christian lives and contributing to the strength of the church. We advocate that the Sunday Schools of our churches be helped and supported by all Baptist parents, and that it be all important to them to have their children trained in Baptist faith and doctrine. We recommend that Sunday Schools be established in every practical place, especially in country districts visited by Colporters and Missionaries, thus laying a foundation for a future church and spreading the work of the Baptist denomination. We look upon the holding of Sunday School Institutes as a valuable feature of the work. We think the Young People's Society can aid the Sunday School very materially through committees appointed to better the condition and attendance of the school. We commend the thorough training of all Sunday School teachers, that they may be conscientious and consecrated Christians, having a love for children and a proper appreciation of the importance of their position. We believe the most effective way of winning children to Christ is through love and sympathy, with which, teaching them the beautiful Gospel story and giving them a desire and thirst for further knowledge. We believe it is a genuine help to a Sunday School, no matter how poor or small, to give something and to be interested in the work of our Home and Foreign Mission Societies. We deem it wise for every school to have a plan constantly before it for increase in its efficiency and numbers; that where practicable every family in the vicinity be visited by a committee and the children and family be cordially invited to attend. We think the services should be as attractive as possible; that the Superintendent should be enthusiastic, capable and sincere; that the music should be bright and happy, and that such special services be held as should interest the children and give them a special regard for the school and its work.

We cannot too strongly urge the responsibility resting on superintendents and teachers of Sunday Schools, In their hands rest the future religious lives of thousands of little ones. In them rests the power to influence children to have the sweet, forgiving spirit of Jesus Christ, and to teach them such truths as will stay with them through life. The influence of a Christian teacher has been held sacred by many a sinful man, and through that influence a responsive cord in his nature may be touched by some other person and thereby he will be saved

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT N. LYNCH, HENRY JACKSON,
MRS M. P. BOYNTON, REV. T. B. HUGHES } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was adopted as read, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That we request the Committee on Programme of the Sunday School session of our Convention to arrange for one day to be given to Sunday School work.

The following resolution was presented and read by Rev. M. P. Boynton:

"WHEREAS, the State of California has no Rest-day Law and many lines of business are carried on without regard to the necessity for a day of rest to the weary toilers. Therefore, we, as a Convention of Baptists and Citizens of this State, recommend the enactment of a law looking to the relief of those compelled to work seven days in the week, as a crying need and earnestly petition the Legislature of our State to pass such an act as shall secure to every man, woman or child, desiring it, one day of each week for rest. This we believe to be in accord with God s law and the welfare of the race."

On motion, the resolution was adopted as read.

A memorial from the W. C. T. U. was presented and read.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That we acknowledge the receipt of the memorial from the W. C. T. U. of California in regard to the use of unfermented wine in our churches. In response thereto, we express our sympathy with the memorial and our belief that all our churches should use unfermented wine at the Lord's table, and our high appreciation of what the W. C. T. U. are doing to secure this object in the churches, and of its great work to abolish the liquor traffic and to promote temperance.

The following resolution was presented, read and adopted:

Resolved: That this Convention favors the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of California, whereby it is sought to extend the elective franchise to all citizens of the State, both men and women, and we pledge our most earnest efforts to secure its adoption.

Adjourned after prayer from Rev. B. F. Farmer.

Saturday, August 29, 1896.

From 6:30 to 7:30 A. M.—The last of the Sunrise Prayer Meetings was held, led by Rev. J. Spencer Norvell, who gave the last of the Bible readings on the Holy Spirit.

No. 4.—THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Rest of the Oil—Read 2; Cor. 1:21; 1 Cor. 12:13; 1 John 2:20-27. What is the anointing? Not the witness of the Holy Spirit. Any child of God has that the moment he believes, while this is a privilege, it is the precious fullness of the Holy Spirit. Anointing in the old dispensation was always a type of taking possession of, and therefore of making holy. While the oil was a type of the Holy Spirit, and here in this last reference we see that Jesus, the Anointed, abides in us; see Exod

30:22-32. Here we have a perect type of the Holy Spirit and sanctification. Everything that had to do service to God had first to be anointed. Notice the preparation of this oil. The oil is not to be counterfeited. Oh, brother, never imitate the work or power of the Holy Spirit, either by noise, efforts, paths, music, joy or enthusiasm—do not shout for effect when it may be only a hollow pretence.

Notice the 32d verse, you could not seal the consecration of unregenerate flesh. Self-will and sins are called flesh. It was to be used *only* for that which was separated or consecrated to God. You cannot receive the Holy Ghost upon your flesh. But when you are crucified to the world, cleansed from sin and separated unto God, He will anoint you. Please read Lev. 14. Jesus had to come out to us poor sinners, as the priest in this type—cleanses him, brings him inside, the blood is applied, then the oil over the blood; see 14th verse. But in the 18th verse we have something more—here we have the type of the outpouring of the precious baptism of the Holy Spirit, the overwhelming, boundless fullness. The rest of the oil is to be poured upon us as was to be literally emptied over him.

My brother, here you have the rest of the oil poured upon you. Have you known His fullness in your spiritual life and service. "The rest of the oil," all that remains in the hands of the priest—Jesus is our priest. Oh, brother, get under His outstretched hands, and let him empty upon you, as an enduement, the rest—the Divine promise of the Father.

At 9 A. M.—The Convention was called to order, and Rev. J. Spencer Norvell gave a Bible reading on the "Word of God," and read the following references: Heb. 11:3-2, Tim. 3;15.17, Ps. 119:11, Jer. 5:14-23:29, Heb. 4:12, Luke 4:32, Acts 10.39, I. Pet. 4:11. At the close of his remarks Hymn No. 130 was sung.

At 9:30—The President took the chair, and asked Rev. W. M. McCart to lead in prayer.

Rev. J. Geo. Gibson delivered a very able and interesting address on "Sunday School Music."

The Report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented and read by Mrs. E. W. Darling.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

With deep and heartfelt sympathy for those who mourn empty place in homes and churches we submit the names of the following, who have gone to their reward during the past year. Many of them were prominent workers. Several were deacons, who had long worked as co-laborers with their pastors. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them":

AT REST.

Alameda—Miss Bessie Cox, Mrs. A. J. Getty, Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. E. Hardman.

Berkeley—H. F. Norris.

Chico—Mrs Brown, Godfrey Crowder, O. J. Lawrence, J. E. Barnes, —. Smith.

Fresno, First—Mrs. W. H. Mahanna.

Gonzales—Mrs. Sarah Blinn.

Los Gatos—Joel S. Shearman.

Madera—David H. Edwards.

Middletown—John Good.

Mount Lassen—Abraham Cunningham.

Napa—Mrs. A. N. Heald, Mrs. H. Cole.

Oakland, First—Miss Bessie Weed, Mrs. Nellie Mathieson, Mark L. King, Mrs. M. J. Pearson, C. H. Roberts.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue—Mrs. A. K. Woods, Miss Gertrude Taylor, C. A. Covell, Mrs. B. T. White, Geo. Ingham, Capt. Talbot.

Oakland, Beth Eden—Mrs. A. C. Crandall, Mrs. Payne.

Orland—M. A. Reager.

Round Mountain—M. H. Joyce.

San Francisco, First—Mrs. E. C. Brown, S. H. Adams, Mrs. Phebe Doran, Ransome Green, Miss C. Peck, Mrs. C. H. Thompson, Rev. E. G. Wheeler.

San Francisco, Emmanuel—Mrs. J. Wingate.

San Francisco, Third—Mrs. Elizabeth Harris.

Sacramento, First—Miss Sutton, Ella Bert, Mrs. L. Carrington.

Sacramento, Emmanuel—A. J. Sturtevant, John Kidder.

Salinas—Jesse Harris.

Santa Clara—Mrs Stearns, Daniel Shields, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. C. S. Medhurst.

San Jose, First—Mrs. F. W. Flanders, J. S Murray, A. Montu, Rev. Amos. Boynton, Mrs. C. Rouse, Miss B. J. Dawson, Mrs. Vestal, J. J. Hickman.

Santa Cruz, First—Mas. Amy Knight, Edwin Edstrom.

Santa Rosa—J. G. Pressby.

St. Helena—Chas. Whitney, Mrs. M. P. Merriam.

Stockton, First—Mrs. A. K. Carlon, Mrs. K. Quayle, H. Rose, A. Leich.

Vallejo, Cornell—Mrs. E. O. Bell, J. C. Voorhees.

Woodland—Mrs. F. C. Duncan.

Willows—J. E. Putnam, C. A. Merrill, Mrs. S. Stanton.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Spurgeon Medhurst, Mrs E. W. Darling,
J. B. Saxton, Mrs. H. F. Waite,
S. C. Keetch. } *Committee*

On motion, the report was received and adopted as read.

The Report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented and read by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., and, on motion, was received and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature beg leave to report that with the rapid increase of intelligence among the people, literature occupies a growing and important place. The people are reading and will read. It is a question of almost immeasureless importance what they shall read. The danger of the times along this line is, that the reading of the people shall be the light, sensational, transient and even the vile. It is for the Church of Christ chiefly to furnish a better literature It is exceedingly gratifying that such is provided in ample measure and in most excellent quality For the individual, home, church, Sunday School, for the young and old, for incitement to Christian effort along all lines, for imparting knowledge and building character there is a most rich, fertile and varied literature. It is for us as followers of Christ to see that this literature is in the hands of our own, our children, young people, and older ones, and as far as possible made acceptable to all. It is poor economy to save for children what ought to be put into their brains and characters.

We especially commend the issues of our own Publication Society, its books, periodicals and Sunday School help are of paramount and increasing value and should be in all our Sunday Schools and homes. We commend our denominational weekly papers, and especially the "Pacific Baptist," which is our own organ and indispensable to every Baptist on this Coast, who would be conversant concerning our work on the Coast and identified therewith. We commend also the "Baptist Union" for all our young people and our various Missionary periodicals, the "Home Mission Monthly," the "Tidings," the "Missionary Magazine," the "Helping Hand," the "Kingdom," the "King's Messenger" and the "Colporteur" We also commend the formation of Missionary libraries in our churches or Young People's Societies, the material for which is most complete and rich.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. SUNDERLAND, D. D., D. P. WARD,
MRS. JAS SUNDERLAND, REV. R. D. CLARK } *Committee.*

An address was delivered by Mrs. H. C. Wingate on the topic, "The Teacher," at the close of which Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, by request, sang, followed by an address by Rev. G. W. Swift, and one by Rev. E. H. Hayden, closed by a Normal Sunday School lesson conducted by Mr. D. P. Ward, the State Sunday School Missionary.

On motion, adjourned after prayer from Rev. Geo. E. Duncan to meet at Twin Lakes on the Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, 1897.

REV C. M. HILL, O. C. POPE,
President. Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL WAGONS.

(NOTE.—This report came to hand too late for the Convention, as it came to me before the minutes were ready for printing, and thinking that all would like to know and hear what has been done, I have inserted this report here in the minutes. O. C. P.)

Report of the work done by the Gospel Wagon Band during the year from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896, in Mendocino and Humboldt counties:

Number of Services held	985
" " Religious papers distributed	11,640
" " Tracts	1,300
" " Bibles	40
" " Testaments	540
" " School, large roll pictures	585
" " Churches organized	6
" " Houses built	1
" " Sunday Schools organized	10
" Giving good evidence of conversion	262
" Baptized	103
" Received into churches	104
Value of teams now in service	$224

During the first six months only one team and three laborers were engaged, the others joining nearly six months ago. There are now three wagons engaged in the work.

H. E. ADAMS.

REPORT OF TREASURER, GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA—1895.

MISSIONARY FUND.

June 21—Balance per report		$ 565 14	
Receipts per last		2,853 04	
Disbursements—Paid Missionaries, as per list			$2,221 78
Remittances to New York			756 45
Warrant No. 31—Stationery			9 90
" " 32—Printing			10 50
" " 33—Travelling Expenses			5 00
" " 34—Minutes			126 80
" " 35—Postage and Express			25 00
" " 36—Stationery			22 05
" " 37—Travelling Expenses			7 00
" " 38—Printing			4 00
" " 40—Travelling Expenses			3 50
" " 42—Secretary's Exp'nses			25 00
Balance			201 20
		$3,418 18	$3,418 18

Note given to American Baptist Home Mission Society to cover balance due to November 1, 1894	$4,747 24
Less payments	1,800 00
Balance due and interest	$2,947 24

August 25, 1896—Added by Correspondent Secretary W. H. Latourette at request of Treasurer C. F. Baker:

Balance brought forward	$201 20	
Vallejo Church	5 00	
" " Young People	5 00	
Sacramento Emmanuel, Young People, for M. Slaughter	10 00	
Petaluma Sunday Sunday	1 50	
Disbursement, Draft to New Year		$106 18
Balance in Treasury		116 52
	$222 70	$222 70

RECEIPTS—MISSIONARY FUND, 1895–1896.

† Compensation in part for services rendered by District Missionary.

CHURCH.	AMOUNT.
Alameda	$ 26 85
" City Mission	15 00
†Aptos	4 90
†Arbuckle	12 60
Armona	6 75
†Biggs	1 00
†Ceres	9 05
Chico	10 28
" S. S. and Y. P.	24 00
†Cinabria	4 75
†Colusa	3 55
†Dinuba	36 85
Dixon	49 80
Eureka	2 00
" S. S.	3 00
†Exeter	12 25
" S. S.	1 75
Fresno, First	26 00
" Emmanuel	14 75
Gonzales	18 00
Hanford	7 80
Healdsburg	14 20
" S. S.	5 30
†Hollister	3 00
†Imusdale	8 00
†King City	17 10
†Lakeport	20 00
†Lindsay	23 50
Lemoore	6 45
Los Gatos	6 95
" S. S.	1 75
" Y. P. S. C. E.	8 00
" Work in Mexico	5 00
Madera	35 40

†Manton	3 75
†Marysville, Olivet	4 50
†Maxwell	13 50
†Middletown	6 45
Morgan Hill	12 00
†Napa	31 00
New Hope	2 00
Oakland, First	81 56
" Tenth Avenue	55 70
" " " S. S.	7 30
" Twenty-third Avenue	97 50
" Beth Eden	5 00
" Swedish	11 40
" Dano-Norwegian	16 35
" " Y. P. S.	5 00
† " Chinese Mission	1 25
Ono	5 00
Orland	3 60
†Orosi	4 50
†Paicenis	6 00
†Penryn	11 00
" C. E. Society	2 18
Petaluma	8 00
†Phyto	6 00
Red Bluff	15 45
Redding	1 50
†Reedley	2 35
Round Mountain	10 00
Sacramento, First	41 75
† " Calvary	103 75
" Emmanuel	29 35
" Chinese	1 50
†Salinas	18 00
†Sanger	7 10
Santa Clara	14 30
" S. S.	4 76
Santa Cruz, First	17 50
" Second	3 50
San Francisco, First	87 80
" " Y. P. Society	5 80
" Hamilton Square	5 00
" Emmanuel	25 00
" Third	21 40
" Swedish	57 35
" " S. S.	75
San Jose, First	30 00
" Emmanuel	15 50
†San Lucas	10 75
Santa Rosa	3 75
" Y. P. Society	2 40
†Stockton, First	10 50
"	19 25
†Ukiah	16 00
Vacaville	14 95
Visalia	3 50
†Waterford	10 85
†Watsonville	1 30

† Willows	185 60
" Y. P. Society	9 05
† Woodland	20 90
† " Second	3 00
Mountain View	1 60
Woman's H. M. ociety of California	450 00
" " " " " Acct. Henry Jackson	60 00
San Joaquin River Association	6 25
" " B. Y. P. A	5 10
South Central Association	6 55
Sundry Receipts	243 06
Credited to Missionaries—F. S. Lawrence	20 10
" " " L. E. Nelson	158 10
Individual Contributions—Richard Bayne	50 00
" " Mrs. Dariah	10 00
" " Rev. G. W. Donnel	5 00
" " Dong Yep	2 00
" " Mrs. A. Egli	21 00
" " J. C. Frich	2 00
" " Mrs. Fisher	2 00
" " L. P. Hines	10 00
" " J. M. Kay	5 00
" " W. H. Latourette	50 00
" " Mrs. J. L. Lyons	5 00
" " Mrs. Richard	1 00
" " M. Slaughter	5 55
" " E. P. Vining	25 00
" " Mrs. E. P. Vining	25 00
" " H. J. and A. R. Walter	6 50
Total	$2,853 04

RECEIPTS OF MISSIONARIES.

J. L. Allen	$ 16 05
G. W. Archer	12 15
John Barr	15 50
Chow Leung	4 75
George W. Disher	25 00
W. V. Gray	32 00
J. M. Greene	33 00
L. B. Harvey	5 00
M. Karlson	10 00
W. H Latourette	832 17
F. S. Lawrence	201 05
C. M. Nelson	18 00
L. E. Nelson	220 00
P. Petersen	168 91
Z. C. Rush	30 00
A. M. Russell	115 00
E. T. Sandford	5 00
M. Slaughter	160 30
I. D. Wood	187 90
Henry Jackson	130 00
	$2,221 78

Vouchers herewith.

August 25th—Receipt W. H. Latourette (entered by W. H. Latourette, Corresponding Secretary, at request of Treasurer C. F. Baker)..... $21 50

EDIFICE FUND.

June 21, 1895—Balance per Report	$616 13	
Receipts—Woman's Home Mission Society	87 90	
Chapel Day	16 85	
Rents	42 50	
Disbursements—Legal Service		$ 35 00
Taxes		32 02
Insurance		12 25
Balance		684 11
	$763 38	$763 38

Vouchers herewith—Oakland, August 25, 1896.

COLPORTOR'S FUND.

Receipts—Oakland, First	$ 87 31	
Los Gatos	4 00	
Ceres	2 55	
Santa Cruz, 2d Ch., S. S.	4 55	
Red Bluff	3 00	
Anderson, S. S.	1 60	
Oakland, 23d Avenue	10 00	
Disbursement—C. M. Haycock		$150 00
Balance overdrawn	36 99	
	$150 00	$150 00

PUBLICATION SOCIETY—MISSIONARY COMMITTEE—FUND.

Receipts—Oakland, First	$10 00	
" 23d Avenue	40 00	
Disbursements—B. F. Farmer		$50 00
	$50 00	$50 00

Vouchers herewith.

August 27, 1896—The undersigned has examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and has compared the same with the vouchers and find all correct.

(Signed) G. O. HAYFORD,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
General Baptist Convention of California	Rev. C. M. Hill, 1367 Tenth Ave., East Oakland	Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Oakland Recording Sec'y, O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine St., S. F.	C. F. Baker, P. O. Box 504, Oakland.
Central Baptist Association	Rev. C. M. Hill, 1367 Tenth Ave., East Oakland	B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough, S. F. O. C. Pope, Ass't, 2723 Pine, "	Geo. W. Frazer, Golden Gate, Oakland.
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev. S. L. Sanford, Ukiah	Rev. G. W. Disher, Usal	R. P. White, Upper Lake.
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. John Downie, Winters	Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Sac'to	G. M. Coulter, Dixon.
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev. M. Slaughter, Anderson	F. M. Reed, Anderson	A. E. Duncan, Willows.
San Joaquin Valley Baptist Association	Rev. G. W. Archer, Lindsay	Rev. L. B. Harvey, Reedley	Luther Sharpes, Fresno.
South Central Baptist Association	Rev. E. B. Hatch, Salinas	Mrs. Ida M. Carpenter, San Jose	H. T. Hite, Wrights.
Western Baptist Asssociation	Rev. W. A. Brinkley, Stockton	Cor. Sec'y, Rev. C. H. Anderson, Los Angeles Recording Sec'y, Rev. J. H. Clisby, Redlands	Rev. J. Whitlock, Los Angeles.
Baptist Education Society		Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Sac'to	
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society	Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 130 Ridley Street, San Francisco.	Corresponding Sec'y, Mrs. J. D. Bush, Oakland Rec. Sec'y, Miss Ida Speucer, 2554 San Jose ave., Al'm'a	Mss. E. F. Joy, 207 Fell Street, San Francisco.
Baptist Historical Society of California	President, H. E. McCune Vice Pres., Rev. E. B. Hatch	O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine St. S. F.	O. C. Pope, 2723 Pine St., S. F.
Pacific Baptist Theological Union	H. L. Gear,	Cor. Sec'y, Rev. C. H. Hobart Rec. Sec'y, Robert Whitaker	C. F. Baker.
Pacific Young People's Union of Central and Northern California	D. J. Davis, Sacramento,	Cor. Sec'y, E. H. Humphrey, Milton Rec. Sec. Miss May Adams, San Jose	Mrs. J. S. Eastwood, Fresno.
Pastors' and Deacons' Association	Rev. J. Spencer Norvel!	Secretary, Rev. I. D. Wood	Rev. I. D. Wood.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.—CONTINUED.

TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIAIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Number of Churches.	MEMBERSHIP.					PROPERTY.				
		Babtized during the Year.	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Net Gain.	Present Membership.	Valuation of Meeting House.	Valuation of Parsonage.	Indebtedness.	Improvement During the Year.	Seating Capacity.
Central..	25	179	454	531	Loss.	3 718	$301 650 00	$6.800 00	$20.600 09	$3,233 63	7,750
Clear Lake.	15	86	117	42	75	808	19,8 0 00	.....	470 00	....	800
Pacific	15	73	242	129	113	1,487	61,2 0 00	4,83 50	3,250 00	1,610 00	2,950
Sacramento River.	19	69	119	120	Loss.	852	24 700 00	712 60	1 465 00	452 50	1,710
San Joaquin Valley	20	93	175	122	53	1,114	13 100 00	1.000 00	65 00	.....	1,325
South Central	16	35	114	103	11	1,109	74,400 00	1,500 00	2,060 00	165 00	2,775
Western	8	6	14	13	1	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unassociated Churches.	4	38	52	3	49	77	750,00	....	165 00	.....	.....
Total.	122	579	1,287	1,063	302	9,283	$465,600 00	$14.843 10	$37,075 00	$5,461 13	17,310

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.—CONTINUED.

TABULATED SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	WORSHIP.		BENEVOLENCES.								
	Pastor's Salary.	Other Expense Annually.	Foreign Missions.	City Missions.	State Missions.	California Chinese Missions.	A. B. Pub. Society, Gen'l Dept.	A. B. Pub. Society, Bible Dept.	Education.	Church Building.	Other Benevolences.
Central.	$18,595 80	$15,035 60	$2,003 97	$285 25	$1,4 9 79	$ 7 50	$243 38	$70 60	$124 79	$1.861 97	$569 65
Clear Lake	2,835 00	315 05	11 95	.....	151 35	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	294 50
Pacific	8,995 00	2 683 94	433 73	.....	350 82	28 20	27 44	11 65	71 50	549 45	149 62
Sacramento River	4,515 00	278 45	163 21	.....	91 82	.....	.....	8 75	...	.....	10 00
San Joaquin Valley	2,785 00	1,487 10	123 80	.....	135 40	.....	35 43	5 55	...	.....	106 70
South Central	6,139 20	2,484 34	416 60	.....	256 25	.....	27 00	2 20	11 25	698 00	108 98
Western	1,121 90	295 84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unassociated Churches.	135 00	1 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	200 00	.....
Total.	$44 921 90	$22.581 97	$3,153 35	$285 25	$2,195 43	$35 70	$337 75	$98 75	$207 54	$3.249 42	$1,239 45

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.—CONTINUED.

SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Enrolled.			Average Attendance.	Baptized During the Year.	Volumes in Library.	Value of Library.	Annual Expense of School.	Contributions.							B. Y. P. U. & C. E. Society & Junior.		
	Number of School.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.						Foreign Missions.	City Missions.	State Missions.	A. B. Pub. Society, General Department.	A. B. Pub. Society, Bible Department.	Higher Education.	Church Building.	Number.	Membership.	Amount Raised.
Central	34	375	3,682	2,545	79	4,166	$2,197	$2,695 24	$106 04	$44	$ 65 15	$24 85	$23 40	$15	$227 50	29	1,097	$534 50
Clear Lake	13	80	655	526	1	250	83	222 00	...				.....		.....	4	74	...
Pacific	15	132	1,011	778	12	64	145	677 75	3 80	...	5 91	17 20	11 15	....	45 75	20	500	211 10
Sacramento River	12	112	457	477	25	162	37	114 50	12 44	...	6 32		5 25	....		12	309	
San Joaquin Valley	16	102	810	732	29	140	65	333 90	2 86	...	20 65	8 93	....			8	218	51 00
South Central	16	131	786	670	14	169	230	564 20	18 25	...	4 00	22 20	1 00	...	1 00	9	205	102 75
Western	6	29	55		....	90												...
Unassociated Churches	5	26	167	135			.....	35 00	...	...	.....				.....	3	24	.....
Total	117	987	7,623	8,563	160	6,522	$2,757	$4 642 59	$143 39	$44	$111 03	$73 18	$40 80	$15	$274 25	85	2,427	$ 29 35

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY—CONTINUED

† Not Engaged in Ministerial Work.

General Missionary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Oakland
District Secretary, A. B. M. U..... ...Rev. J. Sunderland, D D., Oakland
Sunday School Missionary.....D. P. Ward, San Jose

MISSIONARIES OF THE CHINESE.

Mrs. H. P. Norris.....San Francisco
Mrs. C. W. Wright..... "
Mrs. A. I. Thompson..... "
Mrs. E. J. Houghton..... "
Miss Martha J. Ames..... "
Miss A. Florence Ford.....269 E. Sixteenth Street, East Oakland
Rev. Tong Kit Hing.....4 Clay Avenue, San Francisco
Miss Eliza Wilsie.....907 Fifth Street, Sacramento
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

† Abbott, G. S., D. D.....118 Eleventh Street, Oakland
Adams, H. E.....San Jose
† Adams, W. E.....Oakland
Alden, Willis.....Vacaville
Allen, J. L.....229 Sixth Street, Oakland
† Archer, G. W.....Visalia
Bacon, Charles D.....Fort Bragg
Baker, F. N.....Maxwell
Baker, J. C.....Oakland
Banks, E.....Oakland
Banks, A. B., D. D.....1417 Twelfth Street, Sacramento
Barr, John.....Red Bluff
† Beesley, C. A.....Sacramento
† Betterworth, J. J.....Hanford
Binney, W. F.....Berkeley
† Bonner, J. D.....Willow Ranch
Burroughs, J. N.....Wheatland
Burroughs, J. P.....Janesville
† Boynton, Amos.....San Jose
Boynton, M. P.....2811 Howard Street, San Francisco
Bradley, M. G.....Tulare
† Briggs, O. W.....Berkeley
Brinkley, W. A.....Stockton
Brayton, H. W.....San Jose
Buckbee, C. A., D. D.....2009 California Street, San Francisco
† Case, A.....Santa Rosa
Cashman, John.....Santa Cruz
Cartwright, John.....Malaga
† Clark, A.....Bishop Creek
Clark, R. D.....San Jose
† Cook, W. L.....Corning
Connelly, W. R.....Auburn
† Crittenden, Orrin.....Mountain View
† Cunningham, G. P.....Shingletown
Da Marti, James.....Fresno
Daniels, J. W.....Sacramento

Dawson, J. W.....Anderson
Dietz, H. L.....40 Erie Street, San Francisco
Disher, G. W.....Willits
Donnel, G. W.....Hanford
Dorward, H. W.....Oakland
Downie, John.....Winters
Duncan, George E.....518 Powell Street, San Francisco
Driver, W. C.....Vacaville

Eby, M. S.....Healdsburg
Edgren, J. A., D. D.....Oakland

Faw, G. P.....Salinas
Fechter, Joseph.....Sacramento
Farmer, B. F.....Eureka
† Findlay, E.....Chico
† Foster, Joseph.....Santa Clara
Freeman, N. L.....Reno

Gaston, W. L.....Vallejo
† Gear, H. L.....211 Sansome Street, San Francisco
Gibson, J. George.....2332 Mission Street, San Francisco
Gray, G. W.....Fresno
Gray, W. V.....Morgan Hill
Gray, R. T.....Dixon
Ghent, Carroll.....Fresno
Green, J. M.....Petaluma
† Griffiths, J. B.....Nortonville

Hargreaves, James H.....Anderson
Hansen, N. C.....Middleton
Harriman, S. M.....Winters
Hatch, E. B.....Salinas
Haycock, Charles W.....Lakeport
Harvey, L. B.....Reedley
Hayden, E. H.....Humboldt Street, Santa Rosa
Hayland, N.....Red Bluff
Helsley, J. M.....Gonzales
Henderson, L. E.....Willow Ranch
Herrick, A. C.....1304 N Street, Sacramento
† Hieronymus, Charles.....1532½ Eddy Street, San Francisco
Hill, C. M.....1367 Tenth Avenue, Oakland
Hobart, C. H.....763 Twelfth Street, Oakland
† Holenbeck, W. H.....Pittville
† Howard, M. W.....Ukiah
† Hoyt, W. F.....Oakland
† Hudelson, B. F.....Golden Gate
Hughes, T. B.....Napa

Johnson, M. M.....Usal
Jordan, W. T.....1215 Park Avenue, Alameda

Keetch, S. C.....Golden Gate
Kidder, W. S.....Ono
† Kirkpatrick, T. J.....Orland
† Knight, J. B.....San Francisco

Latourette, W. H.....Oakland
Laws, C. C. X.....Sacramento
Lawrence, F. S.....Santa Cruz

McCart, W. M.....Millville
Medhurst, C. S.....Santa Clara
Melchonian, A. J., M. D.....Fresno

† Mitchell, Levi.....San Jose
Mitchell, F. M.....Sacramento
Mitchell, Peter.....St. Helena
Moody, J. F.....Alameda
Morgan, John.....Stockton
† Morris, V.....Winters
Morse, S. B., D. D.....East Oakland
† Nelson, C. M.....1189 Market Street, San Francisco
Norvell, J. S.....Fresno
Palm, C. S. E.....San Francisco
† Palmer, George H.....Anderson
Prior, J. T.....Arbuckle
† Prunk, G. E.....Healdsburg
Randall, S. B.....Oakland
† Randolph, Thomas E.....Marysville
† Read, George R.....Alameda
† Reis, Eli.....Merced
† Reider, J. H.....Berkeley
Reynolds, L.....Weaverville
† Rice, Eli.....Lake City
† Roddan, D. F.....Wheatland
Ross, J. S.....Caspar
† Runnels, G. W.....Lake City
Russell, A. M.....2228½ Post Street, San Francisco
Rush, Z. C.....Madera
Sanders, J. E.....Oakland
Sandford, E. T.....Santa Cruz
Sandford, S. L.....Ukiah
† Saxton, J. B., D. D.....Vacaville
† Sawyer, M. K.....Willits
Sjolander, A.....1366 Twelfth Street, Oakland
Slaughter, M.....Woodland
Smith, Alanson D.....Oleander
Smith, T. F.....San Jose
† Stark, J. I G.....Alturas
Stone, W. F.....King City
Stephens, T. H.....Chico
Tturtevant, A J.....1708 K Street, Sacramento
Swena, Anson.....Nord
Sunderland, J., D D.....1457 Myrtle Street, Oakland
Swift, G. W.....Stockton
† Taft, S. A., D. D.....Alameda
† Taylor, C. S.....Maxwell
† Thompson, C. J.....Santa Clara
† Thompson, W.....Sutter City
Tong Kit Hing.....4 Clay Avenue, San Francisco
Tychsen, N.....1228 Twenty-fifth Avenue, Fruitvale
† Wells, James.....Plateau
† Whitcomb, Orin, Jr.....Calpella
Whitaker, Robert.....1264 Twenty-fourth Avenue East Oakland
Wood, I. D.....Oakland
Young, T. S.....San Jose

O. C. Pope,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

BOARD OF MANAGERS

—OF THE—

General Baptist Convention

OF CALIFORNIA.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
August 25, 1896.

A meeting of the Board of Managers was held this day called to order at 4:30 P. M.

Calling of the Roll by the Secretary.

Present: Rev. C. M. Hill, presiding, Revs. G. W. Donnel. W. H. Latourette, M. P. Boynton, A. B. Banks, D. D., T. H. Stephens, Brothers W. B. Downing, H. T. Waite and O. C. Pope.

Rev. W. H. Labourette presented and read his report. On motion a committee was appointed to consider the matter brought before the Board and to make recommendations to the Board. The following were appointed to serve on the Committee: Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., H. T. Waite and Rev. M. P. Boynton.

The report on the Colportage Work was presented and read by W. H. Labourette. On motion the report was adopted and ordered to be made a part of the Report of the Board.

On motion the report of W. H. Latourette was received and adopted as the Report of the Board to the General Convention.

Adjourned.

O. C. POPE,
Ex-officio Secretary.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Baptist Educational Society.

OFFICERS.

President, - - - - - - - Rev. I. D. Wood
Vice President, - - - - - Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D.
Secretary, - - - - - - Rev. A. J. Sturtevant
Treasurer, - - - - - - - Rev. S. B. Randall

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Class 1 Term, expires 1897: Rev. W. T. Jordan, P. R. Garnett, Rev. Robert Whitaker.
Class 2, Term expires 1898: Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, W. R. Gallup, Dr. I. S. Eschleman.
Class 3, Term expires 1899: Rev. S. B. Randall, Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., Rev. I. D. Wood.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
August 27th, 1896.

A meeting of the Baptist Educational Society was called to order by the Secretary, in the absence of the President, at 8 P. M. this day.

The meeting opened with a solo by Miss Olive Smith of Salinas.

On motion Rev. I. D. Wood was elected temporary Chairman.

The chair appointed as a Committee to nominate managers for the class expiring in 1899, Revs. F. S. Lawrence, G. W. Swift and Brother D. P. Ward.

President T. G. Brownson, of California College, was introduced and welcomed with the "Chautauqua Salute," after which he preached the Educational Sermon, giving out for his text, Rev. 4:5.

The Financial Report of the President of the Educational Society was presented and read, and on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: Revs. C. H. Hobart, A. B. Banks, D. D., and I. D. Wood as Managers for the term expiring in 1899.

On motion the report was adopted as read, and these brethren were declared elected. Rev. C. H. Hobart was called for and addressed the Society.

Remarks from Rev. C. A. Wooddy, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Mrs. Featherstone, Revs. J. M. Helsley, W. H. Latourette, M. Slaughter, A. B. Banks, D. D., Brothers D. P. Ward and Henry Jackson.

The annual collection was then taken for annual members and life members. The collection amounted to $5.35 and paid subscriptions amounting to $7.

Adjourned after a benediction by President Brownson.

I. D. WOOD, President Pro Tem. REV. A. J. STURTEVANT, Secretary.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Baptist Historical Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President, - - - - - - Judge H. E. McCune
Vice President, - - - - - - - Rev. E. B. Hatch
Secretary and Treasurer, - - - - - - O. C. Pope
Librarian, - - - - - - - Prof. J. T. Wallace

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
August 27th, 1896.

The Baptist Historical Society was called to order at 3:15 P. M. The President John F. Pope being absent, the Vice President Judge H. E. McCune presided, assisted by Vice President W. R. Strong.

The Secretary was requested to read the Constitution, he did so.

Rev. J. B. Saxton presented and read a paper on the "Pioneer Days of our Denomination in California, Reminiscences of Early Baptist History in California."

On motion a vote of thanks was passed to Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D. for his able and interesting paper.

At this time an opportunity was given to those who wished to become members of the Society for the ensuing year by the payment of 25 cents, and the following availed themselves of it: Judge H. E. McCune, W. R. Strong, Revs. E. B. Hatch, J. Sunderland, D. D., J. B.

Saxton, D. D., Geo. E. Duncan, J. M. Helsley, S. C. Keetch, E. H. Hayden, W. H. Latourette and President T. R. Brownson.

On motion it was passed that a bookcase be bought to store the Historical documents in and that none of the documents be allowed to be taken away from the library.

On motion Prof. J. T. Wallace was elected Librarian.

On motion a committee, consisting of Prof. J. T. Wallace and W. H. Latourette, was appointed to secure a bookcase for the Society.

The election of officers for the ensuing year came next in order and the following were nominated and declared duly elected to serve for the ensuing year, or until their successors were elected.

President, - - - - - - - - - Judge H. E. McCune
Vice President, - - - - - - - - Rev. E. B. Hatch
Secretary and Treasurer, - - - - - - - O. C. Pope

On motion the First Baptist Church of San Jose, was requested to give a historical sketch to be read at the next annual session in 1897.

Adjourned.

O. C. POPE,
Secretary.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Pacific Baptist Theological Union

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS

President, - - - - - - - - - - H. L. Gear
Corresponding Secretary, - - - Rev. C. H. Hobart
Recording Secretary, - - - - Rev. Robert Whitaker
Treasurer, - - - - - - - - - C. F. Baker

DIRECTORS.

Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Rev. Robert Whitaker,
Rev. Geo. E. Duncan,
Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.
C. F. Baker,
H. L. Gear.
Rev. W. H. Latourette
Rev. F. M. Mitchell,
Rev. S. C. Keetch,
Rev. C. M. Hill,
H. E. McCune

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. L. Gear, Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Rev. Robert Whitaker, C. F. Baker,
Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
August 28th, 1896.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union of California, was called to order by Rev. C. H. Hobart.

In the absence of the President and Secretary, Rev. F. M. Mitchell was elected temporary Chairman and Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Secretary pro tem. The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Rev. C. H. Hobart and on motion was adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the past year the directors of the Union have held several meetings. A financial agent in the person of Rev. J. H. Garnett was elected, and the appointment accepted. About the time he was to begin work, a call came to him from the church in Los Angeles, which he thought best to accept, thereby giving up the proposed work for the Union. No other financial agent was appointed. Owing to complications in money matters whereby it was needful to provide over two thousand dollars to save some of the property of the Union, no theological instruction has been undertaken during the past year. It is greatly regetted by the Board that they have not been able to carry on the work of instruction so profitably inaugurated by Dr. Gray, they felt however that the call was imperative to save the property of the Union, even though it involved the discontinuance of the work of the school for the time being. It is the hope of the Board to resume active work in the school at an early day and until that time arrives, every encouragement possible will be given to the work of Bible instruction in California College.

A course of lectures under the auspices of the Theological Union have been outlined and will be carried out during the winter. The Theological Library has been placed in the College building where it will be used by any students who are there pursuing studies preparatory to the ministry. There is an increasing call for training such as our Institution proposes to give and the Trustees are determined to furnish the same at the earliest possible moment. The property in the hands of the Union is entirely the gift of Mrs. Gray and is valued at about $30,000.00.

The Union then proceeded to take pledges of membership Fourteen pledges were received, six of whom were paid in cash.

Voted to appoint a committee to nominate Directors for the Union, the Chair appointed to serve on that Committee, Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., Rev. S. C. Keetch and Rev. R. D. Clark.

The Committee reported the following names for Directors for the ensuing year, viz:

Rev. C. H. Hobart,
C. F. Baker,
Rev. Robert Whitaker,
H. E. McCune,
Rev. F. M. Mitchell,
W. H. Latourette,
H. L. Gear,
Rev. C. M. Hill,
Rev. S. C. Keetch,
Rev. Geo. E. Duncan,
Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.

The Secretary was on motion instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees. He did so and the Chair announced that they were duly elected to serve for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

A. J. STURTEVANT,
Secretary pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

—OF THE—

Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
Friday, August 28, 1896.

The Board of Directors of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union met in the parlors of the Auditorium at 5 P. M. Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D., was appointed President pro tem. and Rev. F. M. Mitchel Secretary pro tem. On motion of Rev. C. M. Hill, it was voted to re-elect the old officers, with the exception of the Vice President. Accordingly the following are the officers for the year.

President, - - - - - - - - - - - - H. L. Gear,
Corresponding Secretary, - - - - - - - Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Recording Secretary, - - - - - - - - Rev. Robert Whitaker
Treasurer, - - - - - - - - - - - - C. F. Baker
Executive Committee: H. L. Gear, C. H. Hobart, Robert Whitaker, C. F. Baker, J. Sunderland, D. D.

The following committees were appointed:
Instruction—H. L. Gear, Robert Whitaker, Geo. E. Duncan.
Finances—C. H. Hobart, C. F. Baker, H. L. Gear.
Building—C. F. Baker, J. Sunderland, D. D., F. M. Mitchell.
Auditing—C. M. Hill, S. C. Keetch, W. H. Latourette.
Beneficiaries—Hon. H. E. McCune, W. H. Latourette, F. M. Mitchell.
Anniversary—S. C. Keetch, Geo. E. Duncan, J. Sunderland, D. D.
Library—Robert Whitaker, C. M. Hill, C. H. Hobart.
Adjourned.

FRANK M. MITCHELL,
Recording Secretary pro tem.

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Pastors' and Deacons' Conference.

OFFICERS.

President, - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. Spencer Norvell
Vice President, - - - - - - - Rev. M. P. Boynton
Secretary and Treasurer, - - - - - - - Rev. I. D. Wood

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.
August 28th, 1896.

At 3:30 P. M. the conference of the pastors and deacons of the Baptist State Convention met for the purpose of determining the propriety of organizing a Ministers' and Deacons' Association in the bounds of the Convention.

Rev. J. S. Norvell was chosen temporary Chairman and Rev. I. D. Wood Secretary.

After some discussion a motion was made to proceed to organize a Ministers' and Deacons' Association.

President T. G. Brownson, Revs. A. J. Sturtevant and I. D. Wood were appointed a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and to prepare a program for next year.

Adjourned. Rev. I. D. WOOD,
Secretary.

Saturday, August 29th, 1896.

At 8:30 A. M. the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting was called to order.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was allowed until next year to report.

Rev. J. S. Norvell was elected President, Rev. M. P. Boynton, Vice President and Rev. I. D. Wood, Secretary and Treasurer.

Adjourned to call of the President.

I. D. WOOD,
Secretary.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Baptist Young People's Union

—OF—

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President, - - - - - - - - - D. J. Davis, Sacramento.
Vice President, - - - - - Miss Anna Larsen, Alameda.
Corresponding Secretary, - - - - E. H. Humphrey, Milton.
Recording Secretary, - - - - - Miss May Adams, San Jose.
Treasurer, - - - - - - - - Mrs. J. S. Eastwood, Fresno.
Junior Superintendent, - - - Robert N. Lynch, San Francisco.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,
SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.

August 29th, 1896.

The Annual Convention of the B. Y. P. U. of Central and Northern California convened in the Auditorium at Twin Lakes at 4 P. M. The Convention was called to order by the President, D. J. Davis. The session opened with a short praise service led by Mr. D. P. Ward. In the absence of the Secretary Miss Estelle Reed was appointed Secretary pro tem. The following committees were appointed:

On Enrollment—Frank Smith, Miss Estelle Reed and Miss Anna Larsen.

On Nominations—D. P. Ward, Robert N. Lynch and Miss Mabelle A. Johnstone.

On Resolutions—Rev. T. B. Hughes, Mrs. E. H. Humphreys and Henry Jackson.

On Auditing—Rev. T. H. Stephens, Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.

It was suggested and strongly urged that these committees meet at 7 P. M. so as to be able to report at the evening session. A motion was made and carried that the Informal Committee previously appointed, consisting of Rev. M Slaughter, Mrs. E. H. Humphreys, Frank Smith, Robert N. Lynch and Rev. E. H. Hayden, be regularly appointed to arrange the programme for the remainder of the Convention.

On motion adjourned after prayer from Rev. T. B. Hughes.

Saturday Evening, August 29th, 1896.

The Convention was called to order at 7:30 P. M. and opened with a praise service led by Rev. E. H. Hayden.

On motion Rev. C. Spurgeon Medhurst was appointed reporter for the local papers, Rev. E. H. Hayden for the Baptist Union, and D. P. Ward for the Chicago Standard, after which "Scatter Sunshine," as sung at the Milwaukee Convention, was sung by the President, D. J. Davis, all the floor joining in the chorus. A song was given by the Male Quartette.

The Programme Committee reported the following for the programme for the Convention:

Saturday Evening, 7:30, Song Service led by Rev. E. H. Hayden—7:45, Business and Report—8:45, Address by Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D.—9:15, Adjournment.

Sunday Forenoon—9:30, Sunday School Session—10:30 Report of the Milwaukee Convention by D. J. Davis—11:15, Address "Training for service in Doctrine and Denominational Loyalty" by Rev. M. P. Boynton—11:35, Address "Training in Consecrated Service" by Rev. T. B. Hughes—Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon, Junior Rally—3:30, Praise Service—4:00, Junior Rally—5:00, Adjournment

Sunday Evening, 7:00 Young People's Meeting led by Robert N. Lynch—8:20 Address by Rev. W. M. McCart—8:30 Address by Rev. M. Slaughter—8:50 Consecration Service and closing words by Delegates—9:30 Adjournment.

Moved and carried that the report of the Programme Committee be received and adopted.

The Committee on Enrollment made a partial report and on motion was granted further time.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

For President—D. J. Davis, of Sacramento;
Vice President—Miss Anna Larsen, Alameda;
Corresponding Secretary—E. G. Humphreys, Milton;
Recording Secretary—Miss May Adams, San Jose.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. S. Eastwood, Fresno;
Junior Superintendent—Robert N. Lynch, San Francisco.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the officers as nominated, and having done so, they were declared duly elected to serve for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved: 1st. That we pledge our heartiest co-operation to the A. B. H. M. Society, the A. B. M. Union, the A. B. P. Society, the Chapel Car and the Sunday School Work, and extend to them our congratulations for the grand work accomplished during the past year.

2nd. That in the judgement of this Convention in view of the great success of the Colportage work this year, it be not only continued, but enlarged.

3rd. That we realize the necessity of a Baptist paper on this Coast, and trust that the Pacific Baptist and Baptist Union will receive the cordial support of all our Societies and do most heartily recommend them to every Baptist family on this Coast.

4th. That we urge upon the Societies of this Convention the adopting of some systematic plan for raising funds to carry on the many lines of work of our denomination.

5th. That as members of this Convention, we are most bitterly opposed to the Un-American saloon and the liquor traffic, and that we will by voice, pen and example do all in our power to drive this hydra-headed monster from our Coast.

6th. That we greatly regret the disregard of the Lord's day on this Coast.

7th. That we extend to the railroad our thanks for the courtesy shown in reduced rates to the Convention, also to our friends at Twin Lakes for their hospitality.

Moved and carried that the Report be received and adopted and the Committee be continued.

Moved and carried that D. P. Ward be reporter for the Pacific Baptist.

The Corresponding Secretary gave the following Statistical Report of the Young People's work of 1896 as compared with that of 1895:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FOR 1895-96.

ASSOCIATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.		Y. P. PAPER.		NUMBERS IN C. C. C.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896.	1895.	1896	1895.	1896.
Central	957	1,012	62	126	54	88	$ 866 90	$ 741 15
Clear Lake	138	73	17	6			60 00	40 00
Pacific	357	437	64	77	42	37	220 60	318 46
Sacramento River	152	179	4	17			60 50	43 90
San Joaquin Valley	304	313	75	94	54	39	87 75	61 50
South Central	218	205	34	32	10	21	143 35	111 02
Total	2,126	2,249	256	352	160	185	$1,439 10	$1,316 03

Increase over 1895—Membership, 123; Y. P. Paper, 96; Numbers in C. C. C., 25
Decrease—Contributions, $123 07.

Robert N. Lynch suggested the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted as read.

Resolved: That we rejoice in the securing of the International Christian Endeavor Convention for San Francisco in 1897; that we extend to the Golden Gate Union, Christian Endeavor, of San Francisco our hearty co-operation and fellowship in the arrangement of the same; that we recommend all Baptist Societies of San Francisco and vicinity to contribute financially and spiritually to the success of the Convention; that all our societies send full delegations, and that we be prepared to do all in our power to make the Convention as grand and inspiring as the preceding ones in Washington and Boston.

The Treasurer presented his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUGUST 26, 1896.

To the President and Members of the B. Y. P. U. of Central and Northern California:

The Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report for the year ending August 29, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

Received of former Treasurer	$ 5 20
" " '95 Collection at Twin Lakes	14 28
" " " " " " " Juniors	3 40
San Jose, First, Seniors $2, Juniors $1	3 00
Morgan Hill	2 00
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	5 00
Sacramento, First	2 00
" Emmanuel	2 00
" Calvary	3 00
Los Gatos	2 00
Santa Clara	2 00
Ceres—Seniors $2, Juniors $1	3 00
Madera	1 00
Golden Gate	1 50
Vacaville	2 00
Willows—Seniors $3 30, Juniors $3	6 30
San Pablo	2 00
Santa Rosa—Seniors $2, Juniors $1	3 00
Napa	1 00
Healdsburg	2 00
San Francisco—Seniors $5, Juniors $1	6 00
" " Hamilton Square	2 00
South Central Association	4 00
Dixon	5 00
Wheatland	2 00
Vallejo	2 00
Total Receipts	$86 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mr. Woody, Pacific Baptist		$ 2 00
C. F. Baker, two badges		10 65
Mrs. H. B. Turner, per warrant Aug. 8-12, Jan. 27,...		15 38
Miss May Adams, " " " "		2 00
Geo. Purnell, per D. J. Davis' expenses to Dixon		1 30
D. J. Davis, per warrant		53 50
Stamp and Money Orders		1 11
Total Disbursements		$85 94
Cash on hand		74
	$86 68	$86 68

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK WELLS,

Treasurer B. Y. P. U. of Central and Northern California.

At 8:45—Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., delivered an address on the "Young People's Movement," giving its history and an outline of our plan of work, closing with a prayer by Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D.

At 9:30 adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. W. Daniels.

Sunday Morning, August 30, 1896.

At 10:30 A. M. the Convention was called to order by the President D. J. Davis, who gave "Echoes from Milwaukee," dwelling on the important features of the Convention; giving thoughts from the most prominent speakers.

At 11:30 an address "Doctrine and Denomination Loyalty," was given by Rev. M. P. Boynton, followed by Rev. T. B. Hughes on "Training in Consecrated Service," after Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jacques, D. P. Ward and D. J. Davis sang as a quartette at the morning service "Some Sweet Day" and "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love."

Adjourned.

Sunday Afternoon, August 30, 1896.

SECOND ANNUAL JUNIOR BAPTIST UNION CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of J. B. Union was held in the Auditorium at Twin Lakes Sunday afternoon, August 30, 1896.

At 3:30 in the absence of the President, the Vice President called the Convention to order, and opened the session by a praise service led by Mr. B. B. Jacques, who afterwards gave an interesting account of the work of

the Chapel Car "Emmanuel." Brother Jacques reported that during July and August they had travelled 822 miles, held 77 meetings and visited 130 families, 12 had been baptized, one church had been organized, one Young People's Society and one Sunday School

A duet was sung by Brother and Sister Jacques, after which Rev. J. S. Norvell offered prayer.

On motion Mrs. L. James and Mrs. A. B. Banks were appointed as a Junior Enrollment Committee.

Miss Alice Hampton, of Chico, led a praise service in which the Juniors took part by reciting verses of Scripture followed by a song "Jesus Loves Me" by Mr. D. P. Ward's Sunday School class.

Mr. D. P. Ward gave an illustrated talk in which he showed that no one could judge of the enjoyment of serving Christ until they had served Him, followed by a song by Rev. G. W. Donnel's children.

Rev. E. H. Hayden gave a blackboard exercise to illustrate "How to Illustrate."

The following report of the Junior Work of the past year was presented and read by Robert N. Lynch:

Total Number of Societies	31	Am't given for Home Missions	$ 9.00
" " " New Societies	18	" " " Foreign "	9.00
Active Membership	208	" " " State Work	5.00
Associate "	376	Local Expenses	135.64
Total "	797	No. of conversions traceable to Junior Work	27
Number of graduates	7	Letters written during the year	104
" who took the C.C.C.Ex.	16	Letters written during the year	323
Circulars distributed during the year	258		

A full report of the Chico Junior Society was given by one of the Juniors. This report showed some excellent work accomplished during the year.

The Committee on Junior Enrollment reported delegates as follows:

Sacramento	7	Chico	2
Santa Cruz	8	Madera	1
Penryn	1	Total Delegates	19
Visitors			75

This report was followed by a song by Miss Maud Williams of Madera.

5:30 P. M. adjourned after prayer by Rev. T. H. Stephens.

Sunday Evening, August 30, 1896.

At 7:00 P. M. a Young People's meeting led by Robert N. Lynch was held, who chose for his subject "I am Thine" and after a few appropriate remarks, the meeting was

thrown open to all and a large number took part, closed by prayer from Rev. J. S. Norvell. Rev. M. P. Boynton was called to the platform for the purpose of securing pledges for B. Y. P. U. State Work. $144.00 was secured in pledges and $13.27 by morning and evening collections, making a total of $157.27.

Rev. J. Sunderland D. D., gave the following report of money raised by the Young People of Central and Northern California for Foreign Missions during the year ending March 31, 1896:

Central Association	$189 70	Pacific Association	$22 50
Clear Lake Association	12 50	Sacramento River Ass'n	6 65
San Joaquin Valley Ass'n	24 46	South Central Association	22 16
Total			$277 97

Of this amount $110 was given by two societies for the support of two native preachers, leaving only $167 97 for the amount given for the support of our Missionary, Mr. Wynd, by the remaining societies of this Convention.

D. P. Ward offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted as read:

WHEREAS: The Lord has so richly blessed the Colporter work of our State Convention during the the past year.

Resolved: That we recommend this work to our young people and believe that God will richly bless them in aiding, as God shall prosper them in this department of Christian work.

Voted that this Convention pay $15 toward the printing of the Minutes of the State Convention.

Moved and carried that the Madera Society take the C. C. C. banner, keeping it until a decision regarding the contest shall be reached at headquarters.

The Committee on Enrollment reported as follows:

Number of Societies represented, 30; Delegates, 73; Visitors, 22.

Alameda	2	Milton	2
Anderson	1	Oakland, Tenth Avenue	3
Fresno	2	Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	3
Gonzales	3	Golden Gate	1
Los Gatos	1	Chico	1
Madera	6	Santa Cruz	5
Mountain View	2	Salinas	3
Sacramento, First	4	San Pablo	1
Sacramento, Emmanuel	2	Santa Clara	1
San Jose, First	10	Tulare	2
San Jose, Emmanuel	1	Woodland	1
San Francisco, First	5	Hanford	2
San Francisco, Third	1	Armona	2
San Francisco, Hamilton Square	1	Lemorse	1
San Francisco, Emmanuel	1	Napa	1
Chapel Car			2

A duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, addresses were given by Revs. M. Slaughter and W. M. McCart, followed by singing. Then a consecration service and closing words by the delegates led by Rev. T. B. Hughes. A consecration hymn was sung by Brother and Sister Jacques, who requested all who could accept the language of the hymn to rise. At the close of the song all joined hands while singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and "God be with You 'till we meet again." The Convention then closed with a prayer from Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D.

Miss May Adams,
Recording Secretary,
Central and Northern California.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 438 Thirteenth St., San Francisco.
First Vice President—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Seventeenth Avenue, East Oakland.
Second Vice President—Mrs. A. B. Banks, Sacramento, Cal.
Third Vice President—Mrs. John S. Eastwood, Fresno, Cal.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. D. Bush, 680 Tenth St., Oakland.
Recording Secretary, Miss Ida Spencer, 2254 San Jose Avenue, Alameda.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Joy, 207 Fell Street, San Francisco.
Auditor—B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough Street, San Francisco.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association—Mrs. S. C. Lillis, 2826 California Street, S. F.
Clear Lake Association—Mrs. Young, Ukiah, Cal.
Pacific Association—Miss Emily Pratt, St. Helena, Cal.
Sacramento River Association—Mrs. Lyon, Redding, Cal.
San Joaquin Valley Association—Mrs. E. B. Richards, Hanford, Cal.
South Central Association—Mrs. J. M. Helsly, Gonzales, Cal.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. A. C. Darling,	Mrs. C. H. Hobart,	Mrs. J. D. Bush,
Mrs. J. C. Ressigue,	Mrs. L. W. Fielding,	Mrs. A. S Sayle,
Mrs. J Wilson,	Mrs. A. B. Eldridge,	Mrs. M. L. Rice,
Mrs. W. H. Latourette,	Mrs. J. K. Smallman,	Mrs. B. C. Wright,

Mrs. W. B. Larzalere, Mrs. George Duncan, Mrs. A. Egli, Mrs. E. H. Gray, Mrs. N. S. Douglass. Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Mrs. E. Higgins,

ADVISORY BOARD.

Mrs. E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. George Fraser, Mrs. G. M. Perkins, Miss Tracy Boquet, Mrs. J. S. Mays, Mrs. S. B. Randall, Mrs. H. C. Gilbert, Mrs. W. M. Pence, Mrs. H. J. Malliet, Mrs. George R. Read, Mrs. Minnie Shaw, Mrs. A. C. Stalker, Mrs. Archie Pence, Mrs. I. D. Wood, Miss Alice E. Perkins, Mrs. J. Keiler, Mrs. C. S. Balaam.

Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies—Miss M. A. Ham, 378 Fifteenth Street, Oakland, Cal.

Superintendent of Bureau of Intelligence—Mrs. J. D. Bush, 680 Tenth Street, Oakland, Cal.

Superintendent of Bands and Juniors—Miss Ida Egli, 318½ Sixth Street, Oakland, Cal.

Superintendent of Distribution of Literature—Miss Ella Berger, 1454 Tenth Avenue, East Oakland, Cal.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. I. D. Wood, Mrs. A. D. Smith.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. J. S. Mays, Mrs. M. P. Boynton.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ,

SANTA CRUZ CO., CAL.

Wednesday, August 26, 1896.

2:00 P. M.—The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California opened by devotional exercises, led by Mrs. B. B. Jacques, after which the President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, made a few remarks, regretting the absence of so many of the officers of the Society due to sickness. She called on Mrs. Ralph to lead in prayer, after which the following committees were appointed:

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. S. Featherstone, Mrs. James Sunderland and Mrs. J. Wilson.

Committee on Enrollment—Miss Mary E. Bamford and Mrs. John Stevens.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. L. A. Johnson and Mrs. D. P. Ward.

The report of the Recording Secretary, Miss Ida Spencer, was read and, on motion, adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

There have been twelve regular and three special meetings since the last annual meeting. Our work for the year has been to raise $200 for the Dano-Norwegian work in Oakland, $50 for the work at Vacaville, $150 for new work at Exeter and Lindsay, $300 for edifice in Lindsay. In February we decided to pay $10 a month toward the support of a colporter. In April we took up a new work at Middletown, in place of work at Vacaville, which was finished.

There has also been a fund raised by Chinese Kindergarten work in San Francisco. Our meetings have been open meetings. The ladies of the churches, where they have been held, being invited to attend, which they have done to a large extent. The object of the meetings has been to hear the reports of the different departments of the work and to plan for more helpful work among the churches. The meetings have been prayerful and earnest throughout the year, and we feel sure we have been able to do more successful work because of the time spent together. There has been a much better attendance on the part of the Advisory Board, than in the past, which has been exceedingly helpful, as the personal word appeals to us so much more than the letter. Another thing that has helped the Board meetings has been the reports brought by the representatives we have sent to the various Associational meetings to tell of the Woman's work there. In this way we have seemed to come nearer to the circles and have a wider knowledge of their needs. Another feature of our meetings has been the reading of the Associational Secretary's letters, and our hearts have been stirred, as we hear of the sacrifices which some have made in order to carry on their work, and we have been inspired to greater efforts when we hear of such large districts where there are no preaching services, and even of places where nothing is known of our Jesus. It seems as though we must use every means at our command to send Missionaries to these districts.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA SPENCER,

Recording Secretary.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Bush, was read by Mrs. J. S. Eastwood and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Let us give unto God the glory due His name that He has brought us up to our annual meeting in this year, 1896 The grand work of the W. B. H. M. Society moves on in spite of all difficulties, disappointments and failures, and our hearts should be full of joy and thankfulness to-day as we meet to review the work of the year, that the Lord is leading us on to greater victories for Him. In the early part of the year the first drawback the society experienced was the resignation of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Laura P. Baker, which was deeply felt by all. The election of a new secretary and the time consumed by her in getting the work of the year well under way made it impossible to form new plans of work and allowed no time or thought for reaching out into new fields to form new circles or to interest those far from us in this grand work of spreading the Gospel. We long for the interests and prayers of so many of our sisters who are now apparently indifferent, and we fear this arises from a lack of knowledge of our work, and so we desire this coming year to reach out after these and devise some way to interest them. Along this line such grand work has been done this year by some of our Associational Secretaries. Special mention should be made of the work of Mrs. J. F. Lyons, of the Sacramento River Association, there are now ten Circles in her Association against five last year. Mrs. Lyons devoted considerable time to personal work among the women of her churches, earning money to pay traveling expenses, praying as she went that God would awaken interests in hearts for His cause. Mrs. Gaylord of the Central Association says, "Although the stringency of the times has had its effect upon the contributions in most localities, yet communications from various churches

express a deepening of interest in this work and so far as reported an increase in the membership of Circles, which augurs well for the future." She also reports several new Circles soon to be started, and altogether sends in a very encouraging report. From South Central Association Mrs. Helsley sends a good report. Though no new Circles are reported, new interests have been awakened in the work and we are assured of the prayers of our sisters from this portion of the field. In February the Corresponding Secretary was sent to attend the meeting of this Association held in Salinas and tried to present the work to the sisters. Although the meeting was a spiritual one and showed a missionary spirit in general, there was a great lack of knowledge of the work of the W. B. H. M. Society of California. Our President has represented the Society in several of the quarterly gatherings about the Bay and attended the meetings of the South Central Society in June. In May she attended the San Joaquin Valley Association, which met in Armona. There are faithful workers in this section. Work done by our sister, Mrs. A. D. Smith, has no doubt already borne fruit. The churches are small and financially weak, yet many of them contribute to the State work. The Circle of the First Church at Fresno has during the year taken on new life and activity and under the leadership of Mrs. Norvell has contributed to the Mission Fund as never before in its history. Mrs. Davis was present in one of their Circle meetings and reported good attendance and earnestness. As opportunity offered visits have made by her to other Circles and a good deal of correspondence carried on, at all times striving to advance the work. Missionary pastors have been aided as follows: Rev. Archer at Lindsay and Exeter. Vacaville church was given a little assistance, Rev. S. C. Keetch as pastor. April 1st work at this point was transferred to Middletown, Rev. N. C. Hansen pastor. During the last six months aid has been given Henry Jackson while he has done service as colporter and evangelist. Rev. N. Tychsen, of Oakland, laboring among the Danes and Norwegians has led his people on to victory. During the year they have purchased a lot and built a house of worship. They are adding to their number by baptism, even in the time of building, which many times retards spiritual growth. Let us praise Almighty God for the privileges of having a part in this work and in the coming year double our contributions to the Missionary Fund.

The Advisory Board has sewed as well this year. From twelve to fifteen interesting reports have been read at the Board meetings every three months. Hearing regularly from the Circles deepens our interest in them and the benefit is mutual. At the beginning of the year the Society pledged $300.00 for Edifice work. This was for the church at Lindsay, Fresno County. The money came in slowly and fear was expressed that we should fall far short of our pledge, when word came to us from Dr. Woods, Supt. of Missions for the Pacific Coast, that our society would not be held responsible for the amount pledged. All the money we could raise for the Edifice Fund would be acceptable, but we were relieved from raising $300 00. The Edifice work was relatively of less importance and in view of the great need of Missionaries we are to bend all are energies to raise as much as possible for the Missionary Fund. The system of appointments for raising the Missionary Fund has been used as heretofore and through the Associational Secretaries about 150 Lay-by envelopes have been sent to small circles and churches where no circles existed for collections of any amount. Each department of our work has received good attention. Miss Ham, as Supterintendent of the Bureau of Supplies, has been more than faithful and has done thorough work. This is one of the most important and interesting branches of our work. We feel that every circle would feel re-

paid if it had a share in this. There has been considerable activity at the Bureau of Intelligence, and Mrs. Sharp as Superintedent has done good work, as her report shows. New literature should be added continually to keep up the interest in this department. Miss Lillian Berger reports the Junior work, which shows some progress, new societies being formed and the work assigned the Bands, Junior and Primary Classes by the Board. That of assisting the Chinese Kindergarten of San Francisco shows that not as much interest is taken in this work as there should be, and it is hoped that another year will show better results. We are under obligations to the former Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Baker, for taking in charge all of our communication to be inserted in the columns of the "*Pacific Baptist.*" We also thank the management of that paper for their kindness in providing room for the various articles and notices we have had inserted from time to time during the year. Your Secretary has written 175 letters, 50 postals; has received 116 letters and 19 postals. The correspondence has on the whole been satisfactory; replies have been prompt, and we trust the work has been forwarded and benefitted. With faith in Him and "Onward" for our watchword, let us take up the work the coming year with energy and with constant prayer doing with our might what our hands find to do

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. BUSH,
Corresponding Secretary W. B. H. M. S. of Cal.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Joy, was read and, after having been audited by the Auditor, B. C. Wright, and found correct, was, on motion, received and adopted as read.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

— OF THE —

WOMAN'S BAPTIST STATE MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA

From June 19, 1895, to June 30, 1896.

MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 19, 1895	$ 18 20
Vallejo Church	20 65
San Francisco, First	41 95
" " Miss S. Coleman, Life Member	10 00
" " Mrs. M. P. Boynton, "	10 00
" Third	10 50
" Hamilton Square	18 85
" " " Hopeful Band	1 80
Sacramento, First	25 50
" Emmanuel	3 35
Santa Cruz	25 10
Willows	45 50
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	17 75
" First	83 42
" Tenth Avenue	49 85
Los Gatos	11 90
Healdsburg	2 50
Gonzales	7 00

Anderson	4 25	
Saager	4 00	
Eureka, First	2 75	
Golden Gate	6 85	
Mount Lassen	1 60	
Salinas	10 00	
Redding	14 25	
Tulare	7 00	
San Francisco, Chinese	1 00	
Berkeley	20 00	
Round Mountain	5 00	
San Francisco, Emmanuel	1 00	
Morgan Hill	9 00	
St. Helena	7 75	
Napa	15 00	
San Jose, First	10 35	
San Jose, Emmanuel	10 35	
Fort Bragg	4 00	
Santa Rosa	4 60	
Alameda	18 75	
Fresno, First	30 35	
Los Angeles, German	2 50	
Stockton, First	12 00	
Biggs	2 00	
Santa Clara	5 50	
Dixon	30 00	
Arbuckle	1 80	
Oakland, Dano-Norwegian	7 00	
Ukiah	7 50	
		$659 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. F. Baker, Treas. Gen'l Baptist Convention	$450 00	
Paid C. F. Baker H. Jackson's salary for January, February, March, April, May and June	60 00	$510 00
Balance in Treasury June 30, 1896		$149 92

EDIFICE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Selma	$ 1 00	
San Francisco First	2 00	
" " Juniors	2 35	
" Hamilton Square	1 00	
Oakland, First	34 00	
" Twenty-third Avenue	9 00	
" Tenth Avenue	10 15	
Alameda	11 10	
Sacramento, Calvary	5 00	
" First	2 35	
Fresno, First	11 00	
Morgan Hill	2 50	
Santa Clara	1 75	
Redding	2 50	
Round Mountain	2 20	
San Francisco, Emmanuel	1 00	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. F. Baker, Treas. General Baptist Convention		$98 90
	$98 90	$98 90

EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 19, 1895	$10 67	
Miss Ella Burger, Donation Stamps	75	
Mrs. L. P. Baker, " "	5 84	
Mrs. C. S. Lillis, " "	4 35	
Collection at Convention at Twin Lakes	10 61	
Mrs. A. M. Russell, Quarterly Collections	20 47	
Collections, Sacramento River Association	7 15	
" Central Association	8 25	
" South Central Association	3 05	
" Santa Clara Home Missionary Gatherings	6 30	
" Mrs. George Fraser, quarterly	1 85	
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	3 25	
" Tenth Avenue	7 05	
Redding	1 05	
		$90 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miss Ella Berger, Postage	$ 1 35	
Mrs. L. P. Baker, " etc	9 84	
Mrs. S. C. Lillis, "	4 35	
Mrs. T. B. Gaylord, "	3 45	
Mrs. A. G. Sharp, " and Printing	2 25	
Miss A. A. Jones, "	40	
Mrs. G. A. Young, "	50	
Mrs. E. F. Joy, "	2 70	
Mrs. L. P. Baker, Expenses to Twin Lakes	4 50	
Miss Ida Spencer, P. O. Cards	12 00	
Postoffice Order for same	10	
Henry Jackson	5 15	
Carruth & Carruth, Printing Note Heads, etc	12 00	
Postoffice Order for same	10	
F. Scott, Receipt Book	27	
Mrs. J. D. Bush, Stationery and Stamps	3 90	
Payot, Upham & Co., Receipt Book	20	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Expenses to San Joaquin Valley Association	8 50	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Expenses to Santa Clara Quarterly Gathering	2 15	$73 71
Balance in Trearury June 30, 1896		$16 38

CHINESE KINDERGARTEN.

RECEIPTS.

Woodland, Juniors	$ 1 00	
Los Gatos, "	60	
Santa Rosa, "	80	
San Francisco, First, Juniors	2 00	
Oakland, " "	2 50	
" Tenth Avenue	2 50	
Alameda, Juniors	3 90	
Golden Gate, "	1 60	

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Miss A. Ford		$14 90
	$14 90	$14 90

CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 19, 1896		$ 28 89	
June,	1895	57 60	
July,	"	6 85	
August,	"	27 15	
September,	"	21 60	
October,	"	57 80	
November,	"	20 50	
December,	"	41 95	
January,	1896	24 65	
February,	"	60 05	
March,	"	162 77	
April,	"	44 60	
May,	"	92 47	
June,	"	216 95	
			$863 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

June,	1895	$ 16 44	
July,	"	4 50	
August,	"	12 10	
September,	"	52 00	
October,	"	50 00	
November,	"	43 00	
December,	"	20	
January,	1896	4 30	
February,	"	120 40	
March,	"	156 87	
April,	"	52 55	
May,	"	84 00	
June,	"	101 15	$697 51
Balance in Treasury June 30, 1896			$166 30

TRIAL BALANCE.

	CR.	DR.
Cash Account		$166 30
Expense Account	$ 16 38	
Missionary Fund	149 92	
	$166 30	$166 30

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) B. C. WRIGHT,
Auditor.

RECAPITULATION.

Showing the total amount contributed by each Church and for which Fund.

	Mission Fund.	Edifice Fund.	Chinese Kngrtn.	Expense Fund.	Total.
Vallejo	$ 20 65	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 20 65
San Francisco, First	61 95	4 35	2 00	.....	68 30
" Third	10 50	.....	.....	.....	10 50
" Ham Sq	20 65	1 00	.....	.....	21 65
Sacramento, First	25 50	2 35	.....	.....	27 85
" Emmanuel	3 35	.....	.....	.....	3 35
" Calvary	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00

Santa Cruz	25 10	.....	.....	.....	25 10
Willows	45 50	.....	.....	.....	45 50
Oakland, 23d Avenue	17 75	9 00	.....	3 25	30 00
" Tenth "	49 85	10 15	2 50	7 05	69 55
" First	83 42	34 00	2 50	.....	119 92
Los Gatos	11 90	.....	60	.....	12 50
Healdsburg	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Gonzales	7 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Anderson	4 25	.....	.....	.....	4 25
Sanger	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Eureka, First	2 75	.....	.....	.....	2 75
Golden Gate	6 85	.....	1 60	.....	8 45
Mount Lassen	1 60	.....	.....	.....	1 60
Salinas	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Redding	14 25	2 50	.....	1 50	18 25
Tulare	7 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00
San Francisco, Chinese	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Berkeley	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Round Mountain	5 00	2 20	.....	.....	7 20
San Francisco, Emmanuel	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00
Morgan Hill	9 00	2 50	.....	.....	11 50
St. Helena	7 75	.....	.....	.....	7 75
Napa	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00
San Jose, First	10 35	.....	.....	.....	10 30
" Emmanuel	10 30	.....	.....	.....	10 30
Fort Bragg	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Santa Rosa	4 60	.....	.....	.....	4 60
Alameda	18 75	11 10	3 90	.....	33 75
Fresno, First	30 35	11 00	.....	.....	41 35
Los Angeles, German	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Stockton, First	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Biggs	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Santa Clara	5 50	1 75	.....	.....	7 25
Dixon	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Arbuckle	1 80	.....	.....	.....	1 80
Oakland, Dano-Norwegian	7 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Ukiah	7 50	.....	.....	.....	7 50
Selma	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Woodland	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
Santa Rosa	.....	.....	80	.....	80
	$637 72	$98 90	$14 90	$11 80	$767 32

The President explained that hereafter the whole attention of the circles would be centered on Missionaries salaries not working further for the Edifice Fund. Mrs. Featherstone and Mrs. Gray made some very encouraging remarks.

The following Associated Societies made report of the work in their separate associations: Mrs. J. N. Helsley, Mrs. J. S. Eastwood, Miss Wilson of Oroville reported for Mrs. J. S. Lyon, Mrs. L. S. Johnson.

An earnest letter from Mrs. Mary H. Priest, of Lathrop, was read.

The Superintendent of Literature, Miss Ella Berger, read her report and requested that each circle have its own committee to take charge of this work. Rev. Mr. Disher was called on to speak of the good done by good reading sent to Usal, after which the report was on motion received and adopted.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

Your Superintendent has not been in a position to obtain statistics and reports from circles as heretofore, but has knowledge that the work still continues and grows slowly. It is hoped that hereafter arrangements will be made by which these statistics may be gathered from reports of Associated Secretaries. We have reasons for encouragement in continuing the work in the fact that we seldom make an appeal for papers to be mailed to individuals without receiving a response, sometimes even from Oregon and Southern California. We have names of persons having few religious privileges, who are glad to receive good papers and pass them on to others. These have been given out as fast as called for, but a few still remain to be supplied. We would call attention to the field among the lumbermen of Mendocino County, than which there are few needier fields, and would ask that all circles and individuals willing to send good reading, to mail the same to "Usal Redwood Company, Usal, Mendocino County, Cal. Circles around the Bay may carry packages to the office of Mr. Robert Dollar, No. 10 California Street, San Francisco, who has kindly offered to forward the same. All such packages should be marked "Please forward to Usal Reading Room." Papers most desired for this field are the illustrated ones, as Christian Herald, Sunday school papers and good secular papers, as Youths' Companion, etc. We hope for more frequent communications from circles and more aggressive work during the coming year and ask that more thought and prayer be given to this department that we may reach the unconverted and may aid in Christian growth our brothers and sisters who have less privileges than ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA BERGER.

Miss Lillian Berger, Supt. of Bands, read her report and on motion it was adopted.

REPORT OF JUNIOR WORK.

As soon as the work was assigned to the Juniors by your Board, fifty circulars were sent to the Bands, Juniors and Primary classes in S. S. and in the interests of the Chinese Kindergarten. Only a small number of these have responded, but others have sent good reasons for not doing so. About fifteen dollars in money have been received and some contribution of materials. I have corresponded with some who are desirous of organizing bands and have given some suggestions to others in the preparation of programmes. Some bands have been re-organized, some have disbanded to be merged into Junior Societies. Two new ones have been reported, on at Tulare and the other at the 23rd Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland. Respectfully submitted,

LILLIAN BERGER.

A report from Miss Ford on the Chinese kindergarten work was read and on motion adopted. Miss Ross, a teacher in the same school, spoke a few words showing pictures of some of the little ones.

Miss Ham's report of Supt. of Bureau of Intelligence was read by Mrs. J. Sunderland and on motion was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

It is with a degree of satisfaction that we review the work of the year. More of our missionary pastors have received supplies this year than during several years past. More circles have joined in helping these worthy families, who so faithfully have been sowing the good seed under trying circumstances, and more money has been contributed to the work. It has been gratifying to note the carefulness and prayerfulness with which some of our larger circles prepare their annual barrel and especially has it been gratifying to note the spirit of service and sacrifice shown in the large number of small circles who have given according as they have prospered, nor would we fail to mention the interest which at least one associational secretary has shown in the work, encouraging each circle in her association to do something in this direction. These boxes and barrels are very helpful and greatly appreciated by those who receive them. One sister writes at the close of the year, "Not a day passes but that they have reason to think of the givers." Important as the work has been in the past few years, there will doubtless be a greater need in the year upon which we are now entering. Dear Sisters, let us not ask how little, but how much can we do for Him who gave his life for us, remembering that He has said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."

The following is the Statistical Report:

CHURCHES	VALUE OF SUPPLIES	CASH	TOTAL
Alameda	$ 50 50	$.....	$ 50 50
Chico	20 50	.....	20 50
Dixon	75 00	.....	75 00
Napa	40 00	50	40 50
Oakland First	135 00	3 50	138 50
" 10th Avenue	155 45	6 00	161 45
" 23d "	51 70	.....	.....
" " " S. S.	.....	2 50	54 20
Redding	20 00	.....	20 00
Red Bluff	6 00	.....	6 00
San Francisco First	92 15	.....	92 15
" " Union Square	7 00	.....	7 00
Santa Rosa	50 50	.....	50 50
Sacramento First	.....	3 10	3 10
" Emmanuel Mis. Band	5 00	5 00	10 00
Stockton	16 05	10 00	26 05
Santa Cruz	22.00	.....	22 00
San Jose	37 45	.....	37 45
Willows	10 00	.....	10 00
Home Mission Quarterly	.....	5 15	5 15
Totals	$794 30	$35 75	$830 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. HAM,

Supt. of Bureau of Supplies.

Miss Lovegreen, Missionary to the Swedes of San Francisco spoke of her work.

The Committee on Nominations reported through its Chairman, Mrs. Featherstone, as follows:

President, - - Mrs. R. W. L. Davis, San Francisco
First Vice President, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Oakland
Second " " - Mrs. A. B. Banks, Sacramento
Third " " - - Mrs. J. S. Eastwood, Fresno
Corresponding Secretary, - Mrs. J. D. Bush, Oakland
Recording " - Miss Ida Spencer, Alameda
Treasurer, - - - Mrs. E. F. Joy, San Francisco
Auditor, - - - Mrs. B C. Wright, San Francisco

On motion the report was adopted and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot. Having done so, the President announced the officers as nominated elected to serve for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Thompson and on motion was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That our hearts go out in gratitude to the Lord of the Harvest for His great blessings to us as a society in the past year and that we as His handmaidens, consecrate ourselves anew to His service and begin this new year with the earnest prayer to be more like Jesus.

Resolved, That we offer our hearty thanks to our missionaries and assure them of our sincere prayers and sympathy in the difficult work they have to do.

Resolved, That we do recommend that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised for our State work for the coming year.

Resolved, That in view of the great need of supplies, clothing, etc., for use upon our mission fields, we do urge upon our circles the necessity of sending as many boxes, barrels, etc., to these pastors and families as is possible.

Resolved, That in consideration of the fact that our Brother H. Jackson's labors have been so greatly blessed as Colporter during the past year, that we recommend that a portion of the money raised for our State work be used toward the support of Colporters in our State.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude and thanks to the "Pacific Baptist" for its kindness in granting us the free use of its columns for our W. B. H. M. Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. THOMPSON,
MRS. JOHNSON, } *Committee.*
MRS. WARD,

Mrs. Ward spoke a few words in regard to the Colporter work.

Mrs. Jenny, of Twin Lakes, reported for the Committee on Obituaries and on motion the report was adopted.

Mrs. W. H. Latourette gave notice of a proposed change in the Constitution as follows:

Notice is hereby given that in one year hence a motion will be made to change Article II. to read as follows: The object of this society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions by cultivating a Missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and by collecting funds to aid in the evangelization of our own State. Also to aid in co-operating with the General Baptist Convention of California our H. M. Society in winning North America for Christ.

The President called the new officers to the platform and spoke some feeling and earnest words in regard to the sacredness of the work. Mrs. B. B. Banks also made a few remarks.

The Committee on Enrollment reported through Mrs. J. Stevens and on motion the report was adopted. Number present, 76.

On motion, after prayer by Mrs. Ward, the society adjourned.

MRS. M. P. BOYNTON,
Recording Secretary Pro Tem.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss M. Bamford,	Mrs. Sarah Coleman,	Mrs. O. J. McKinnon,
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Mrs. J. R. Bradway,	Mrs. I. S. Esehleman,	Mrs. Ellen Mason;
Miss Ella Bradway,	Mrs. J. C. Fielding,	Mrs. H. H. Mitchell,
Mrs. C. F. Baker,	Mrs. E. H. Gray.	Mrs. M. A. Pine,
Mrs. E. A. Berger,	Mrs. H. Garthwaite.	Mrs. L. A. Remington,
Miss Ella Berger,	Mrs. J. H. Garnett,	Miss Maggie Reynolds,
Miss Lillian Berger,	Mrs. Mary A. Gilchrist,	Mrs. G. Rieman,
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Miss Augusta S. Williams.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a Missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid the evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become an annual member to this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars, at any one time, or installments during the year.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote.

ART. V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ART. VI. The Executive Board shall be elected annually by the officers of the Society and shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in each month and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. VII. The Advisory Board shall consist of one member from each church and shall be elected annually by the Executive Board.

ART. VIII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ART. IX. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1.—Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all the meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4.—It shall be the duty of each member of the Advisory Board to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church and working for their individual success; and whenever possible to attend the regular Board meetings. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a brief report of our work in their churches.

5.—The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6.—The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping

always an exact account, and shall make a monthly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

7.—The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8.—All circles contributing to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

9.—The duties of the Advisory Board shall be, whenever possible, to attend the regular Board meeting. If unable to attend these meetings, it shall be their duty to send a report of our work in their churches.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the.....Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its objects shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California

ART. III. Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the.....Mission Band of the.....Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its objects shall be to develope an interest in the cause of missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those generally assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All money raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

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Second Sunday in September each year—don't forget nor neglect to observe it. Send to the undersigned for supplies, which are sent free.

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If you have means from which you need the income during your life, you can give them to the Convention and receive a fair interest as long as you live. The money at your death to go to the work of the Convention. You can thus live in the forces you have set in motion for planting Churches of Jesus Christ and preaching the Gospel through the Missionaries supported by your money. Write the undersigned at once for particulars.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California.

ARTICLE II.—FIELD.

The field of this Convention shall be all that portion of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist Churches, Sunday Schools, Missions at home and abroad, and denominational education, fellowship and growth.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Convention shall be composed as follows:—

1 Of Life Members. Any member of a regular Baptist Church within the bounds of this Convention may become a life member by the payment of $25 within one Convention year.

2 Of Delegates from Regular Baptist Churches, as follows: Each Church contributing to its funds within the current Convention year shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members.

3 Of Delegates from Baptist Associations; each co-operating Association being entitled to send one delegate, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members.

4 Of Heads of Baptist Institutions of Learning and Official Representatives of Denominational Societies residing within the bounds of the Convention, including one person each from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, and from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California,

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, one Vice-President from each co-operating Association, a Corresponding Secretary, a

Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and eleven Directors, who shall be elected annually, by ballot, and who shall be the Board of Managers. Each co-operating Association may nominate its own Vice-President. No missionary of the Convention shall be a Director or Officer.

ARTICLE VI.—Duties of Officers.

The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at the meetings of the Convention and Board.

Each Vice-President shall be a Committee to co-operate with the Convention in his own Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board, and keep a record of the proceedings of the Board.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention, take the necessary steps to secure statistics of the Churches each year, and, with the co-operation of the Corresponding Secretary, publish the Annual, giving a full report of the work of the Convention, and the statistics of the Denomination within its bounds.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Convention and disburse the same only upon the order of the Board, hold his accounts open for inspection always, make reports to the Board quarterly, and a full report to the Convention annually. Before entering upon the duties of his office, he shall, at the discretion of the Board, give bonds, with sufficient securities, for the faithful discharge of the same.

ARTICLE VII.—Duties of the Board.

Section 1. The Board of Managers (seven of whom shall constitute a quorum) shall hold all property of the Convention, carry out its plans for co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Publication Society, in support of missionaries and colporteurs, transact all business committed to it by the Convention, and make a full written report at each annual meeting.

Sec. 2. They shall meet not later than the day of the adjournment of the Convention, and thereafter quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of five members.

Sec. 3. They shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number

Sec. 4. They shall appoint from their own number, at their first meeting each year, an Executive Committee of five members who shall be located with reference to facility of meeting together, to whom the Board may commit all business, *ad interim*, and who shall report to the Board quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII.—Committees.

Section 1. The following Committees for the session shall be appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of five persons each, except the last named committee, which shall be nominated from the floor, and consist of one person from each co-operating Association, viz:

1. On Arrangements for the Present Session.
2. On Place and Appointment for the next Annual Meeting.
3. On Important Subjects in the Report of the Board.
4. On Enrollment.
5. On Resolutions.
6. On Sunday Schools.
7. On Religious Literature.
8. On Obituaries.
9. On Nominations of Officers and Directors.

Sec. 2. The following Standing Committees of five persons each shall be appointed by the Convention each year, whose duty it shall be to foster the interests of the societies named, in connection with the official representatives of said Societies, and to present at each annual meeting of the Convention, a carefully prepared report upon the same, viz:

1. The American Baptist Missionary Union.
2. The American Baptist Home Mission Society.
3. The American Baptist Publication Society.
4. The California Baptist Education Society.

ARTICLE IX—Annual Meeting.

Slction 1. The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held at such a place as the Convention may determine, on the third Tuesday in June, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., or at such other time as it may direct.

Sec. 2. The President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary shall constitute a Committee to prepare a programme for the next annual meeting in connection with the Presidents of such societies as hold their annual meeting in connection with the Convention.

ARTICLE X—Amendments.

The Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present; *provided*, one year's notice has been given of the proposed change; or, *provided*, it has been unanimously recommended by the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with appropriate devotional exercises, and all care shall be taken to promote spirituality during the sessions.

2. Articles IV, V and VIII of the Constitution and the By-Laws shall be read from the chair at the opening session of the Convention.

3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

4. All committees shall be nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Convention, unless otherwise ordered.

5. No persons, except the one making the opening address, shall speak longer than five minutes, or more than three times upon the same motion, without leave from the body.

6. "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the authority in conducting the business of the Convention.

7. The President of the Convention shall have power, upon the written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to change the place and time of the annual meeting.

8. The following shall be the general order of business:

   (1) The Annual Sermon shall be preached on the first evening of the Convention.

   (2) The election of officers shall not occur earlier than the forenoon of the third day of the Convention.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF CALIFORNIA.

SIXTEETH ANNUAL MEETING.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ Cal.
TUESDAY, August 17, 1897.

The Convention met in the Auditorium at Twin Lakes at 3 P. M. Prayer and praise service was led by J. M. Helsley, who read the 111 Psalm.

3:30—The Convention was called to order by President C. M. Hill. The divine blessing was invoked by Rev. T. S. Young. The President appointed the following committees:

On Arrangement—Rev. E. H. Hayden, Rev. F. H. Stephens Deacon H. E. Parker.

On Enrollment—Rev. W. C. Jenkins, D. J. Davis, B. B. Jacques.

On motion F. M. Reid, of San Jose, was appointed to report the proceedings of the Convention to the press.

On motion the printed programme as presented by the Committee was accepted, subject to changes, and the President was instructed to limit the speakers to the time allotted.

On motion Rev. E. T. Sandford was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

After prayer by W. C. Jenkins the Convention adjourned.

Tuesday Evening.

At 7:30 the Convention was opened by a praise service led by Mr. B. B. Jacques of the Chapel Car "Emmanuel."

After reading of the Scripture by Rev. F. M. Mitchell and prayer by Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., preached the annual sermon. Text. Matt. xvi:18. The points considered were "Peter," "The Rock," "The Church" and "The Gates of Hell." Dr. Banks was listened to with deep interest by a large audience.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. J. Sunderland the Convention adjourned to 9 A. M. Wednesday.

Report of Committee on Enrollment.

Alameda—Rev. J. F. Moody, Mrs. Thos. White, Mrs. A. S. Sayle, Mrs. L. W. Fielding.

Anderson—Rev. J. H. Hargreaves.

Berkeley—Rev. D. J. Pierce, D. D.

Chico—Rev. T. H. Stephens, Mrs. T. H. Stephens, Mrs. A. B. Huff.

Clovis—H. G. DeWitt.

Dixon—Rev. R. T. Gray, H. E. McCune, Mrs. H. E. McCune, G. M. Coulter.

Golden Gate—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Mrs. S. C. Keetch, Mrs. E. A. Young, Miss Hattie Bromley.

Gonzales—Rev. J. M. Helsley, Mrs. J. M. Helsley, J. D. Cochran.

Imusdale—Rev. J. F. Carney, Mrs. J. F. Carney.

Los Gatos—Rev. L. L. Wood, Mrs. L. L. Wood, Deacon W. A. Stidston, Mrs. H. Withey.

Millville—Rev. Wm. M. McCart.

Madera—W. L. Williams, Henry Webb, Mrs. F. E. Smith, Mrs. Z. C. Rush.

Middletown—Rev. N. C. Hansen, Mary O Hansen.

Mountain View—Rev. O. Crittenden, Mrs. O. Crittenden, Mrs. A. M. Crittenden, Miss Josephine Lamar.

Morgan Hill—Rev. W. T. Fleenor, Deacon E. Swope, Mrs. F. E. Kemp.

Oakland, First—J. L. Lyon, Mrs. J. L. Lyon, J. P. Cogswell, Mrs. J. P. Cogswell, Mrs. A. Egli, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, C. F. Baker, Mrs. J. D. Bush.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue—Rev. C. M. Hill, Miss M. A. Stratton, Mrs. J. Sunderland, Mrs. E. M. Darling, Miss Ella Berger, Miss Mary Ham, Prof. S. B. Randall.

Oakland, Twenty-Third Avenue—Rev Robt. Whitaker, Mrs. Whitaker, Dr. S. B. Morse, Mrs. C. E. Bamford, Mrs. Latourette, Miss M. E. Bamford, Mrs. N. E. Wilson, Mrs. P. G. Potter.

Oakland, Beth Eden—Rev. J. L. Allen.

Oakland, Dano-Norwegian—Rev. N. Tychsen.

Petaluma—Rev. A. J. Cable.

Penryn—H. E. Parker.

Redding—Rev. M. U. Squire, Mrs. M. U. Squire, Mrs. J. F. Lyons.

Sacramento, First—Rev. A. B. Banks, Mrs. A. B. Banks, D. J. Davis, Mrs. E. Spencer, Hubert Adams, Miss Ida Rush, Mrs. M. W. Hanscom.

Sacramento, Emmanuel—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Deacon Lee Hays, Mrs. Lee Hays, Miss Ray Chappell.

Sacramento, Calvary—Rev. F. M. Mitchell, Deacon G. O. Hayford, Mrs. G. O. Hayford, Deacon W. R. Strong, Mrs. J. Farris, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Fisher.

Salinas—Rev. W. C. Jenkins, Mrs. W. C. Jenkins, Mrs. L A. Johnson, Rev. E. B. Hatch.

San Francisco, First—N. Brace, Mrs. N. Brace, Mrs. E. F. Joy, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Casavaw, G. H. Moore, Mrs. G. H. Moore.

San Francisco, Emmanuel—Rev. J. George Gibson, Robt. Lynch, Mrs. J. D. Kennedy.

San Francisco, Hamilton Square—Stephen Featherstone, Mrs S. E. Featherstone.

San Francisco, Chinese—Miss Florence Ford.

San Francisco, Swedish—Rev. Chas. Palm, Miss Hulda Lofgren.

San Jose, First—Rev. T. S. Young, Mrs. T. S. Young, F. M. Reed, Ida May Carpenter, Sarah Williams, Mrs. Abby L. Burgess, Rev. H. W. Brayton, Mrs. H. W. Brayton, Miss May Adams, Mrs. Emma Kern.

San Jose, Emmanuel—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Miss Geneva Orcutt.

Santa Cruz—Rev. E. H. Hayden, Rev. E. T. Sandford, Miss L. C. Pray.

Stockton—A. M. Comfort, Mrs. A. Ralph, Mrs. E. R. Stockwell.

Sonora—Rev. W. A Chapman, Mrs. W. A. Chapman.

Wrights—Rev. Chas. Padley, Acting Pastor.

Wheatland—Miss Fannie Dam.

Fort Bragg—Rev. Chas. B. Bacon, Mrs. Chas. B. Bacon.

Shiloh—Deacon A. B. Ford.

San Lucas—Deacon John Whitam.

Reedley—F. S. Knauer, J. P. Neil.

Willits—Rev. G. W. Disher.

Willows—Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Mrs. Geo. E. Dye, Mrs. Milton French, Mrs. Frank Moody.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D. Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

AT LARGE.

Rev. C. A. Wooddy, Pacific Baptist; Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, Chapel Car Emmanuel; D. P Ward, State Sunday School Missionary; T G. Brownson, President California College.

VISITORS.

H. C. Woods, D. D., Superintendent Missions of A. B. H. M. Society, Rocky Mountain Division; Rev. R. D. Clark, San Jose; Geo.

Robt. Cairns, Evangelist; Rev. P. Petersen, Watsonville; Rev. August Johnson, Kansas; Mrs. Amanda Lewis, Wadsworth, Nevada.

W. C. JENKINS,
B. B. JACQUES, } Committee.
D. J. DAVIS,

Report adopted.

Wednesday Morning.

9:00—Rev. E. B. Hatch led a brief prayer service for Sunday School work and workers.

9:15—A Bible study of the Book of Acts was conducted by Rev. T. S. Young with block tract illustrations.

Mrs. B. B. Jacques, who was to have addressed the Convention on Primary work, being unable to do so on account of sickness, Mrs. L. L. Wood, of Los Gatos, kindly consented to fill her place. The address was both interesting and helpful.

The President appointed as Committee on Religious Literature, Rev. S. B. Morse, Rev. A. J. Cable, F. M. Reed, G. M. Coulter and Miss Mary Ham.

On motion, ordered that report on Religious Literature be presented at a subsequent meeting.

An address on Religious Literature was given by Rev. C. A. Wooddy, editor of the Pacific Baptist.

The "Workers Conference" was conducted by D. P. Ward, Sunday School Missionary of California.

After an intermission of five minutes the Convention listened to a most carefully prepared lecture on "Baptist History," by Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D. After prayer by Rev. A. J. Cable, the Convention adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

Wednesday Evening.

7:30—A most interesting praise service, led by Rev. J. George Gibson.

7:50—Business resumed. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

The President called the attention of the Convention to a fine gavel, made and presented by Victor Porter, of Salinas.

Report on "Twin Lakes Resort" was made by Superintendent H E. Parker. Superintendent Parker made an earnest appeal that some means might be devised to meet the indebtedness on the Auditorium. After a discussion of the report it was moved and carried "That the Convention endorce the plan presented at a meeting of the Pastors,

held this afternoon," i. e., "That it is the sense of the ministers present that we undertake to save the entire property—the Auditorium—on the condition that when the indebtedness be met, the property be conveyed to the Baptist denomination.

"Voted, that a committee of five be appointed to confer with the Trustees of the Twin Lake Improvement Co. to devise means to raise the indebtedness, and that the Committee be further instructed to inquire into the title of the property.

"The following-named brethren were chosen to serve as that committee: A. B. Banks, H. E. DeWitt, T. H. Stephens, T. S. Young, S. C. Kretch.

"Voted, that the Rev. A. B. Banks bring this matter before the Convention at the close of Supt. Parker's report for their endorsement."

The male quartette, consisting of Brethren Davis, Ward, Jacques and Smith sang a beautiful selection, entitled "Launch Away,"

An address, "Baptist Sunday School Work in California," was given by D. P. Ward.

State Sunday School Missionary's Report.

It gives me pleasure to present to you my second annual report. It has been a year of "Joyful Service," and thanks to our Heavenly Father and the efforts of His people, we can report progress "all along the line." In these last days of the nineteenth century christian people are giving their thought and efforts to the boys and girls as never before, and it is bearing good fruit.

FIELD WORK.

My field being the entire State, it requires a vast amount of travel, and I am not able to cover the field as thoroughly as I desire to.

Several Sunday School Institutes have been held during the year and we are glad to report an increased interest on the part of teachers to do better work and know more of God's word.

A considerable part of my time has been given in visiting and encouraging small and feeble Sunday Schools and helping to strengthen the things that remain. We desire to hold all fields we occupy as far as possible.

NEW FIELDS.

The past year has been very fruitful in opening up new Sunday Schools and thus preparing the way for the Church. Several places we visited and organized schools that had never before been visited by a Sunday School Missionary.

Twenty-three new schools have been organized, and I could have organized fifty if my whole time could have been given to this part of Sunday School work. In every School except one Baptist literature was placed.

In California there are 323,000 boys and girls of school age, and probably not one-half of them receive any religious instruction on the Lord's Day. The harvest truly is great.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

We expect to hold a large number of Sunday School Conferences within the coming year. If the Committee on Publication Society can be selected with a view to service in this department of Sunday School work it will be very desirable. It is my plan to reach and help every Baptist Sunday School in this State as soon as possible.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Allow me to express my thanks for increased contributions from Churches and Sunday Schools in this State to the missionary work of our American Baptist Publication Society.

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR THE YEAR.

Sunday Schools organized	23
Sunday Schools visited and addressed	77
Bibles and Testaments given	822
Bibles and Testaments sold	150
Sunday School Institutes held	7
Letters written	885
Addresses given	290
Miles traveled	13,900
State Conventions attended	2
Associations attended	7
Young People's Conventions attended	4
Boys and Girls' Meetings conducted	30

D. P. WARD,
State Sunday School Missionary.

August 18, 1897, Oakland, Cal.

9:05—Brother B. B Jacques addressed the Convention on "Chapel Car Work." He is doing great and good work in the State.

Prayer was offered by Rev. C. S. E. Palm. After the singing of a solo by D. J. Davis and prayer by Rev. J. F. Moody, the Convention adjourned to Thursday at 11:30 A. M., the morning hours being set apart for the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society.

Thursday Morning.

11.30—The Convention opened with prayer by Rev. O. Crittenden.

Rev. C. A. Wooddy delivered an address on "Baptist Achievements in Home Missions." The address was a valuable one and showed much care and research.

Rev. A. Johnson, of Concordia, Kansas, addressed the Convention. After prayer by Rev. J. H. Hargreaves adjourned to Friday, 9 A. M., the evening meeting being given to the W. B. H. M. Society.

Friday Morning.

9:00—Owing to the absence of Rev. G. W. Swift, at the suggestion of the President thirty minutes was spent in prayer for foreign missions.

9:30—The officers of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society being absent, the meeting was led by Mrs. J. Sunderland.

A paper prepared by Mrs. M. E. Bridges, Cor. Sec.—"Facts Regarding the Home Department"—was read by Mrs. J. D. Bush.

A report of the Treasury was made by Mrs. J. Sunderland. The report showed that forty-one churches in Northern and Central California to whom apportionments were sent, made no response.

Extracts from a letter from Rev. J. H. Scott and wife Osaka, Japan, were read by Miss Bamford.

Prayer in the behalf of the missionaries in the field was offered by Miss Wilson. Miss Bamford read extracts from a letter from Miss M. Walton. Five minutes' addresses were made upon "The Missionary Spirit."

Mrs. Featherstone spoke on the "Christ Spirit;" Miss J E. Penoyer, of the Chicago training school, on "The Missionary Spirit Essential to Growth;" Mrs. L. A. Johnson, "The Missionary Spirit and the Woman's Mission Circle;" Mrs. A. B Banks, "The Missionary Spirit and the Brethren." The addresses were listened to with deep interest.

Mr and Mrs. Jacques sang "Save Me." Rev. F. S. Lawrence led in prayer, after which the audience all united in singing "Coronation."

10:40—Report on "The American Baptist Missionary Union" was presented by Rev. R. Whitaker. Adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions report a prosperous year, for which we give God thanks. In spite of the continued stringency of the times in the matter of finances, in spite of the occurrence of an unusually exciting and therefore exceedingly demoralizing presidential election, in spite of all our doubts and fears, God has blessed us in purse and in general prosperity more than we had dared to hope, or had the faith to believe.

The great event of the year has been the removal of the crushing debt which rested upon the Missionary Union and the Home Mission Society. This burden has been lifted, in the good providence of God, through the characteristic generosity of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, which was nobly seconded by the body of our people.

We not only feel grateful beyond words for the removal of the debts themselves, but we gladly note this instance of successful co-operation between the two great Missionary Societies as a happy augury of more intimate relations in the future. Wisdom will doubtless dictate a cautious progress in paths which are still to a large extent untried, but we have an increasing conviction that the trend of the times is in this direction, and that we shall realize through closer co-operation of our Missionary agencies, both a more effective and a more economical administration of affairs.

We note with regret a slight decrease in the total receipts for the Missionary Union from this District, as compared with the receipts of last year. It ought, however, to be explained that this does not mark an actual falling off in the offerings of the Churches, but the deficiency is explained by the excess of personal gifts last year over the amount for the year for which we report. Yet the fact remains that the offerings of the Churches are still far below what is a reasonable expectation.

Of the one hundred and twenty Churches situated within the bounds of this Convention, only sixty-five are directly represented in the collections for the Missionary Union. Seven more are represented through the offerings of Sunday School or Young People's Society. Forty-eight are not represented at all.

It is due to our able and faithful District Secretary that the sum total is as large as the figures show. To him is also due in a large measure the honor of the good response which our Churches made to the special appeal for the liquidation of the debts. Many of our pastors have shown zeal and ability not less worthy to be commended. There is, we gladly believe, a growing sense of the greatness of this work and the responsibility of every pastor and every Church for the evangelization of the world. The narrow localism which has too long dominated our Church finances is slowly giving way to some proportionate appreciation of our duty to support a world-wide preaching of the Word. But this exhibit shews how far we are as yet in our own Convention field from an adequate sense of our part in the work defined by the terms of the Great Commission.

We repeat and re-emphasize the recommendations of former years. First of all, let us have more preaching on these lines already indicated. The courage which makes the pulpit bold to rebuke corruption in town and State is less needed than is the courage to admonish God's people against their awful apathy and their unchristian cupidity. Nor is it well to transfer the emphasis of obligation to this or that consideration of piety or of prudence. Rather let us insist without weariness on the great foundation, love and loyalty toward Jesus Christ. We commend the Monthly Missionary Meeting as a right and reasonable part of the programme of work and worship in every Gospel Church. To this end our members should be encouraged to take the Missionary Magazine, whose improved appearance and reduced price have taken away the last

excuse for the general failure of our people to subscribe for it. Individual interest in the magazine will help the Monthly Missionary Meeting, and frequent reference to it in the monthly meeting will tend to a larger circulation of the magazine.

Finally, we would recommend continued teaching in the direction of systematic beneficence. The flow of moneys toward foreign missions depends upon the regular and adequate flow of money into the general treasury of the Lord. The outflow at every point will be intermittent and insufficient until the inflow is regular and abundant. To this end then must we labor and pray that there may be a better acquaintance with the needs of the Lord's work, that there may be a deeper realization of the opportunity of the Lord's people, and that there may be a more willing recognition of our ability to rise to the demands of this work and fulfil the conditions of this opportunity.

ROBERT WHITAKER,
Chairman of Committee.

Rev. J. Sunderland led a "Conference" on missions. Rev. A. J. Melchoniam, M. D., addressed the Convention, Dr. Melchoniam is now pastor of the only Armenian Baptist Church in America. The church is in Fresno. The audience was deeply moved by his address, after which a recess of five minutes was taken.

11:40—Convention resumed its business.

Rev. J. Sunderland delivered an address on "Baptist Achievements in Foreign Missions." At the close of the address it was moved that the address be printed, and that subscriptions be taken to pay the expense of the same. Adopted. Amount of $50 was pledged. After prayer by Rev. T O Brownson, D. D., adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

Friday Evening,

7:30—Prayer Service led by Rev. C Palm. The President appointed the followin Committees:

ON NOMINATIONS—San Joaquin, Prof. W. L. Wilson; South Central F. S. Lawrence. Central, Dr. Sunderland; Clear Lake, Rev. G. W. Disher; Pacific, D. J. Davis; Sacramento River, Rev. Geo. E. Dye; American River, A. J. Sturtevant.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION—Prof. S. R. Randall, Rev. J. M. Helsley, Rev. Chas. B. Bacon, Mrs. James Sunderland, Miss Florence Ford.

ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY—Rev. J. F. Moody, J. E. McCune, W. R. Strong, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. L. A. Johnson.

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY—Rev. T. S. Young, G. O. Hayford, Mrs. J. L. Lyon, Rev. Jas. Da Marti, G. W. Fraser.

ON PLACE AND APPOINTMENT—Robert Whitaker, A. B. Banks, H. E. Parker, F. S. Lawrence J. Sunderland.

On Resolutions—Rev. L. L. Wood, Rev. W. C. Jenkins, Rev. A. M. Comfort, G. M. Coulter.

On Important Points in the Report of the Board—Rev. T. S. Young, J. L. Lyon, Rev. R. D. Clark, F. M. Reed, Rev. J. George Gibson.

On Sunday Schools—D. J. Davis, Mr. J. Le Roy Dixon, Mrs. L. L. Wood, F. S. Knauer, Mrs. A. B. Banks.

On Obituaries—Rev. S C. Keetch, Rev. O. Crittenden, Rev. N. Tychsen, Miss Ella Berger, Mrs. Wilson,

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The Convention then appointed the following brethren to serve on the Committee of Nominations:

Rev. J. Sunderland, Rev. G. W. Disher, D. J, Davis, Rev. Geo. E. Dye, W. L. Williams, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

Singing by the male quartette. Prayer by Rev. E. H. Hayden.

After which the Convention listened with deep interest to addresses on "World-Wide Missions." 1. "Needs," Rev. C. B. Bacon. 2. "Encouragements," Rev. Geo. E. Dye. 3. "Motives," Rev. J. George Gibson.

The audience joined in singing "Coronation." Prayer by Rev. A. M. Petty, after which the Convention gave way to the "Education Society," the "Historical Society" and "The Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

11:30—The Convention resumed its business. President Hill introduced President Brownson of California College, who delivered a lecture on "Baptists and Education." President Hill, being obliged to return to Oakland, called Vice President R. Whitaker to the chair. After prayer by Rev. W. M. McCart the Convention gave way to the "Young Peoples' Meeting," adjourning to meet at the call of the President.

Monday Morning—State Missions.

9:00—Rev. F. S. Lawrence conducted a prayer service in behalf of "State Missions."

9:30—Convention was called to order by Vice-President Whitaker. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Latourette.

F. M. Reed being obliged to leave, Rev. F. L. Sullivan was appointed "Reporter for the Press." Rev. I. D. Wood presented the report on the "American Baptist Publication Society.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Publications.

The following is a synopsis of the Report of the Committee on Publications:

Gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the measure of prosperity during past year. New plant and increased facilities. Larger number boods published than

in any previous year. One hundred and twenty-two new publications issued. Recall with sorrow the death of Chas. H. Barnes, Jan 15. 1897, who for twenty years was member of Board. Publication department now up to highest ideals. New facilities for meeting cheap literature with best at lowest prices. The personality of those whom the Society sends forth shows the devotion, sacrifice and spirit of the fostering Society. The work done amid crowded cities, among foreign peoples, in the valleys and on the mountains is as arduous and self-sacrificing as that done in Central China.

The Bible department deserves special mention. No other publishing house can give us the Bible in so many languages, so varied in style and bindings, so completely within the reach of all in price. The most perfect translation, the Revised Version giving clearer and fuller meaning, thus maintaining the vital force and true spirit of Christ life.

If a person or family is too poor to buy a Bible, the Society is not too poor to give one. More than half a million copies have thus been given away, but "What are these among so many?"

The Chapel Car facilities of the Society are remarkable. The C. P. R R. from Sacramento to Wadsworth, with Churches, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, with happy converts, speak better than tongue or pen. Brother and Sister Jacques' good work was emphasized The educating force of the Society through the Sunday School Missionaries was emphasized. The State needs a strong "California Baptist State Sunday School Convention," and should see to it at once. The Sunday School Helps of the Society are varied, helpful and sound. The Society has raised the standard of excellence to the highest, and the best is the cheapest. No Baptist Sunday School can afford to be without its own Publications.

The Sunday School Institute was enlarged upon. It is an educational factor of great power. The report emphasized the fortunate acquisition to the State of Brother D. P. Ward, and recognizes in him the Society's last and best gift to California. Especial attention is called to his report in another column. We would urge upon our Churches the necessity of supporting the Publication Society with means and prayers and by purchasing its literature for family circles, for Sunday Schools and for the Pastor's library.

I. D. WOOD,
For the Committee.

"Report of the Board" was presented by Rev. W. H. Latourette.
Report accepted.

A special Committee of the Board presented through it's Chairman, Rev. R. Whitaker, a series of Resolutions on the reported retirement of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette. These Resolutions were regarded as a part of the report of the Board.

Report of the Board.

To the General Baptist Convention of California, the Board of Managers would respectfully submit the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The good hand of our God has been upon us during another year. Through His infinite goodness we meet again under circumstances calling for special thanksgiving. During the year now ended no one of our missionaries has been called from us by death; two new lines of work have been taken up, that of the Gospel wagons and that for the Armenians; never in our history have we had more missionaries than during the past year; they have cared for more Churches than ever before; they have baptised more converts than in any previous year save one. And today the money in the treasury is more than enough to meet all appropriations for the year ending July 1, 1897, and our former debt has been reduced $900.00. For these abundant blessings on the work we give all praise to the Head of the Church.

The whole number of Churches in Northern and Central California, that is, in our Convention, is now 135, and the total membership, according to the latest Associational reports, is 9,909.

There have been twenty-eight Missionaries during all or part of the year. Their reports show results as follows: Weeks of labor, 910; Churches cared for 58, which is more than twice as many as in any previous year of our history; out stations, 35; additions by baptism, 165, which is more than twice as many as the year previous; members added by letter or otherwise, 98; prayer meetings attended, 1568; sermons and addresses, 3066.

For the year ending July 1, 1897, the appropriations for Missionaries were $7,429.10, including $547.90 for traveling expenses. These appropriations, the names of the missionaries, the fields for which they cared and the duration of their service were as follows:

Dano-Norwegian, of Oakland	N. Tychsen	12	Months	$200 00
Beth Eden, of Oakland	J. L. Allen	12	"	270 50
Emmanuel, of San Francisco	J. George Gibson	12	"	500 00
Hamilton Square, San Francisco	A. M. Russell	9	"	200 00
Swede, San Francisco	M. Karlson	1	"	25 00
Swede, San Francisco	Charles Palm	6	"	150 00
Corning	W. L. Cook	3	"	25 00
Covelo, Latonville and Willits	G. W. Disher	12	"	175 00
Cottonwood and Anderson	J. H. Hargreaves	8	"	66 66
Millville, Mill Creek, Inwood, Round Mountain and Plateau	Wm. McCart	9	"	186 50
Watsonville and Out-Stations	P Petersen	12	"	400 00
Emmanuel, Sacramento	A. J. Sturtevant	12	"	200 00
Berkeley	W. F. Binney	6	"	250 00
Clovis and Madera	Z. C. Rush	6	"	25 20
Armenian, Fresno	A. J. Melchonian	9	"	75 00

Gonzales and Pleyto	J. M. Helsley	6	"	100 00
Reedley, Dinuba and Orosi	L. B. Harvey	7	"	116 00
San Pablo	L. B. Harvey	5	"	125 00
Eureka	B. F. Farmer	3	"	37 50
Middletown and Great Western	N. C. Hansen	12	"	100 00
Morgan Hill and Hollister	W. V. Gray	1	"	16 50
San Jose, Mt. View, Palo Alto	F. S. Lawrence	6	"	350 00
Evangelist	F. S. Lawrence	6	"	500 00
Dist. Missionary—Woodland ¼ t.	M. Slaughter	3	"	250 00
Towles and Clipper Gap	I. D. Wood	3	"	250 00
Exeter and Lindsay	I. D. Wood	3	"	87 50
Dist. Missionary	I. D. Wood	6	"	500 00
Supt. Gospel Wagons	H. E. Adams	8	"	400 00
General Missionary	W. H. Latourette	12	"	1300 00

The reports of the General Missionary, W. H. Latourette, have been made quarterly to the Board. A partial summary of these is as follows:

Weeks of labor, 52; sermons and addresses, 113; other public meetings, 149; Churches visited, 65; letters and postal cards written, 1779; official consultations, 736; miles traveled, 10,264; Missionary money passed through his hands, $884.80; postage, $39.80; stationery etc., $12.34; traveling expenses, $210.30

In accordance with the instructions given at the last annual meeting, your Board at once took measures to terminate the District Missionary work and to devote correspondingly increased attention to the care of Mission Churches. Accordingly Rev. F S. Lawrence closed his labors December 31st and settled as Missionary pastor in charge of three Churches—Emmanuel of San Jose, Mountain View and Palo Alto. The same date, also, Rev. I. D. Wood closed his work and at the request of the Church at Towles, he was appointed to that field, with several out-stations. The work at Towles was in such a condition as to make it necessary for him in order to complete work already begun, to accept the invitation of the Church for three months. The money was not all collected to pay for the house. The building was on leased ground, the lease running for fifty years, the town company not deeding any of their land to any one. The amount appropriated was $200, in order to help the Church secure the house. This was for preaching, the Church meanwhile directing its entire financial efforts toward paying for the house. Under this appointment work was also done at Dutch Flat, Gold Run, You Bet and Clipper Gap.

Early in the year your Board was impressed with the desirability of taking up a new branch of work, namely—that of reaching the neglected population of our remote rural districts by means of Gospel Wagons. For many years the sore need of these districts has been apparent. It remained for our Brother, H. E. Adams, to develop the method of doing the work. He has fully demonstrated by two year's

experience the feasibility of the plan and its effectiveness in reaching souls with the word of life. Accordingly, after consulting our Superintendent of Missions, Dr. Woods, and after several conferences with Brother Adams, it was decided to begin this line of work and to appoint Brother Adams as Superintendent at a salary of $600 for the year beginning November 1st.

Since that date he has recruited the number of workers until now they number thirty-one. These are volunteers who go into the field without salary. They are of various denominational connections and of none—the Baptists being ten in number. Exact statistics as to results are difficult to give, but it is probable that not less than one hundred souls have been led to the Redeemer and over twenty Sunday Schools have been organized. For these blessings we join with the Brothers in grateful praise to God.

Another new work taken up this year is that for the Armenians in Fresno. Our Missionary, A. J. Melchonian, preaches every Sunday to a good congregation. An excellent Sunday School is maintained. The present population of 400 is being constantly increased by the arrival of refugees from Armenia. This Mission Church greatly needs a chapel. An effort is being made to secure one, and should receive our financial help. In edifice work the year has been scarcely less successful than any heretofore. The appropriations approved by your Board are as follows:

Golden Gate.....	$400.	Value of property...	$4000.	Sittings....	325
Philo Church.....	100.	" " ...	850.	"	150
Fresno, First.....	500.	" " ...	2250.	" ...	400
Fresno, Armenian.	300.	" " ...	900.	"	150

The first three have been granted, and the last one awaits action in New York.

Golden Gate has received the money, having fulfilled the usual conditson of such gifts. The other two are still pending, as is also the case with three others which were granted just previous to the beginning of this year. These three are Corning, Cohasset and Round Valley. It is expected that within ninety days they, too, will have received the aid that awaits them.

In our edifice work we have special cause for encouragement in the fact that over eighty per cent. of our Churches now have houses, and in that but few of our smaller Churches have debts resting on their property. In these respects we are better off than most of the other Western States. For this happy condition of things we are under lasting and special obligations to our Eastern friends through the American Baptist Home Mission Society. From them during the past year California received help for more than twice as many church edifices as were helped in any other Western State.

FINANCIALLY.

Financially the year has been fraught with extreme difficulty. This fact has been due to the continued monetary stringency and also to the recent effort to meet the debts of our national Societies. In the success of the latter effort we greatly rejoice, notwithstanding it reduced our own income for the year about one-fourth. But the result in the long run will surely be a gain to us directly, by the increase of Missionary zeal and the development of the spirit of liberal giving.

In spite of adverse conditions the year's appropriations have been met, and there remaines in our Treasury a balance of more than $400, which has been applied on our debt to the A. B. H. M Society. In attaining this result great credit is due to the Churches that raised the money for State Missions during the quarter set apart for that purpose; to the Sunday Schools that raised by their Harvest Home concerts more than $170; and in particular to the unusually large offerings of our W. B. H. M. Society of California, which offerings they supplemented by the gift of $100 extra for the general work of our Convention.

At our last annual meeting our Treasurer reported a balance in our edifice fund of $687. Of this amount there has been transferred to the Missionary fund $500, and the same has been paid on our debt to the A. B. H. M. Society. This debt now stands at $2047.24 exclusive of interest. Diligent but unsuccessful effort has been made to realize upon property held by our Convention, so that other payments could be made. The property thus held may be safely estimated at $1000. and the debt of the Convention, in excess of assets, at less than $1500. Since two years ago the debt has been reduced $2700.

RELATIONS.

The relations sustained by our Convention to other organizations have been both happy and helpful.

1. With the A. B. H. M. Society of New York: Notwithstanding the staggering debt of the Society, $6000 has been at our disposal for the current year, conditioned on our raising $3000. We have fully availed ourselves of this offer, the money we have raised being more than in any year since 1894. We gratefully acknowledge the munificence of the Society's gifts to our work during all the years of our history. We wish also to record our appreciation of the presence and counsel of the Society's representatives, Rev. H. C. Woods, D. D., and Rev. C. A. Wooddy.

For the Society your Board continues in charge of its Chinese work within the bounds of our Convention. This work has been unusually prosperous. In the San Francisco Mission the baptisms have been seven, and in Oakland eight, with three others awaiting the ordinance.

The number of workers is the same as last year, there being one less in San Francisco and one more in Oakland. The general evangelistic work is continued under Brother Lum Lun. He succeeded Brother Chow Leung, who went last October as a Missionary to his native land.

2. With the W. B. H. M. Society of California: Following the plan of previous years, our sisters have aided in the support of Missionaries under your Board The past year they have thus had six missionaries for all or part of the year, and they cared for fifteen Churches. The contributions to our Treasury were $746.66.

Thus they have taken not less than one-fourth of our work, and to them is due a full share of the credit for its results. We are grateful for their cheerful help and we bespeak its undivided continuance. Without it our work cannot be prosecuted with any reasonable degree of efficiency.

3. With the A. B. P. Society: Our colportage work so well begun two years ago has been practically suspended this year for lack of funds for this purpose. Only one appointment has been made by your Board, namely, Mr. E K. Hitchcock. He has been engaged with the Gospel Wagons, the A. B. P. Society agreeing to furnish $300 worth of literature, and the Convention being relieved of all financial obligations in the appointment. The literature promised has not yet come. Hence Brother Hitchcock has not reported. We believe that this work should be greatly enlarged and earnestly prosecuted.

SUGGESTIONS.

Out of the experience and observations of the past year, your Board deems it needful to make a few suggestions as to the coming year's work:

First, as to the contributions from our larger Churches. In many cases these contributions are pitiably out of proportion to the membership and resources of these Churches. State Missions do not receive the emphasis required by their fundamental importance. They are not even placed on an equality with other lines of missionary effort. Their results are slightly appreciated. Their paramount claims are not acknowledged. Your Board insists that to neglect or to slight the cause of State Missions is a mistake—a sinful mistake, which also strikes a fatal blow at our Master's work in all other lines. We beseech the brethren of all our Churches to take a proper interest in the saving of our State for Christ.

Second, as to our debt to the A. B. H. M. Society. We feel that as our obligations have now been reduced to a sum not exceeding $1500 above our assets, the time is near when we should extinguish this balance against us. We urge that a plan to do this be matured by the new Board of Managers, and that the dept be paid this year.

Third, as to the money needed for the coming year. Upon a most careful estimate of the amount needed to meet the smallest possible requirements of the work and on the most economical basis, we must have $4000. Five thousand would not adequately supply the needs—this in addition to what we hope to receive from the Home Mission Society. Therefore we recommend that we strive to raise not less than $4000, and also $1500 for the debt.

Fourth, as to Palo Alto and Berkeley. Your Board has been impressed with the far-reaching influences that go out from these places. These influences will continue till the end of time, and they will do much to determine the destiny of our State intellectually, morally, religiously. For these reasons we urge the strengthening and enlargement of our present efforts at the places named. We suggest the concerted astion of our Churches to secure property this year at Palo Alto.

Fifth, as to Evangelists. Within our Convention are a very large number of small Churches. Frequently they become pastorless. All such Churches need annually the aid of a competent Evangelist. They are not able unaided to secure such service. They are constantly exposed to the loss incident to the lack of such service, and worse still to the results of visits from Evangelists who are unworthy, incompetent, or who are unscriptural in doctrine. We feel that in order to meet these conditions an Evangelist should be constantly under the direction of our Convention.

The Board would recognize in the most cordial terms the long and faithful services of our General Missionary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, and would place on record its warm appreciation of his work. His retirement will occasion widespread regret among the many who have learned to love him, not only for his personal excellencies of character, but for his work's sake. For ten years past he has proven himself a faithful, unselfish and zealous worker in a position of exceeding difficulty and not a little hardship. No adequate mention of his services can be made within the limits of this report, but the Board would be derelict to its duty did it fail to give him some brief mention. May the Lord of the Harvest reward him for all his devotion and self-denial. Our hope is that his services may still fall within the bounds of this Convention field, and that the gatherings which have so long known his presence and his counsels may not be deprived of either for many years to come. Whether or not this desire be realized, we pray God's richest blessings be upon him and his. No better can we express ourselves than in the words of the ancient Hebrew prophet and poet: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

Ordered that the "Report of the Board" be laid on the table.

Report of the Treasurer, C. F. Baker, was presented by Rev. W. H. Latourette. Report referred to the Auditing Committee.

Owing to the absence of D. M. Carman, Auditor, G. O. Hayford was appointed to audit the report.

"Report of the Committee on Important Points" presented by Rev. T. S. Young. Discussion followed, opened by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

Moved that each speaker be limited to five minutes. Brethren Wood, Fleenor, Hayden, Mitchell and others took part. The discussion was closed by Rev. H. C. Woods D. D. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Important Points.

Your Committee would call the special attention of the Convention to the following points in the report of the Board:

1st. The very evident and peculiar blessing of God, which has enabled the Board in the face of the stringent financial condition, and the great effort put forth to raise the joint debt of the two great societies, to not only prosecute its work without adding to the indebtedness, but to pay $900 of that indebtedness.

2d. Further cause for gratitude is found in the fact that most of the small Churches, which were last year reported struggling with debts, have been relieved, and that but few Churches now remain without buildings within the bounds of the Convention.

3d. Still further cause for thanksgiving is found in the fact, that while but seventy-seven baptisms were reported at last Convention through the work of the Board, that this year more than double that number are reported—165.

4th. We would call attention to the work at Palo Alto and its far-reaching results. Prompt action should be taken.

5th. The importance of adequate support from all the Churches can not be overestimated. Without it the everincreasing work of the Convention can not be prosecuted. It is also important that, as far as possible, contributions be made during the quarter set apart for that purpose.

6th. We would further emphasize the importance of a State Evangelist, who would spend his time solely with the weak Churches which are pastorless.

7th. The hearty thanks of the Convention are due to the General Missionary for the earnest work, which the report of the Board makes evident, he has done during the year.

REV. T. S. YOUNG,
MRS. J. F. LYONS,
REV. A. D. CLARK,
REV. J. GEO. GIBSON,
F. M. REED,
Committee.

Five minutes recess was taken.

11:35—Convention resumed business. Rev. L. L. Wood led in prayer. Prof. S. B. Randall delivered a lecture on "A Scriptural Church."

After prayer by Rev. H. E. Adams the Convention adjourned.

Monday Evening—State Missions.

7:30—Praise service led by Rev. W. C. Jenkins.

7:50—President Hill called the Convention to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. L. Sullivan.

Rev. W. H. Latourette delivered an address "Ten Years Missionary Work in California." As Bro. Latourette came forward to deliver his address the audience gave him the "Chatauqua Salute."

At the close of his address ordered that the time till 8:50 be given to the Twin Lake Improvement Co.

Rev. A. B. Banks presented the indebtedness on the "Auditorium," and called for pledges. $2,000 was pledged.

9:15—Rev. F. S. Lawrence addressed the Convention on "Increasing Resources for Increasing Demands."

After Prayer by Rev. D. J. Pierce, adjourned.

Tuesday Morning.—State Missions.

9:00—Morning Prayer Service led by Rev. A. J. Cable.

9:40—President Hill called the Convention to order.

Report of Committee on Nominations presented by Rev. J. Sunderland.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot.

On his so doing, the President declared the officers elected.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to present the following:

For President—Rev. C. M. Hill, Oakland.

Vice Presidents—American River Association, Frank M. Mitchell, Sacramento; Central Association, Robert Whitaker, Oakland; Clear Lake Association, B. F. Farmer, Ukiah; Pacific Association, A. B. Banks, Sacramento; Sacramento River Asssociation, F. M. Lutts, Willows; San Joaquin Valley Association, W. L. Williams, Madera; South Central Association, T. S. Young, San Jose.

Recording Secretary—Geo. E. Dye, Willows.

Treasurer—C. F. Baker, Oakland.

DIRECTORS—S. C. Keetch, Golden Gate: J. F. Moody, Alameda; C. H. Hobart, Oakland; D. M. Carman, San Francisco; Richard Bayne, San Francisco; Geo. C. Hayford, Sacramento; W. C. Jenkins, Salinas; H. T. Waite, Oakland; G. M. Coulter, Batavia; Mrs. J. Sunderland, Oakland; Mrs. J. D. Bush, Oakland.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—W. H. Latourette, Oakland, until October 31st; We recommend that the appointment of this officer for the rest of the year, be referred to the Board with power.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SUNDERLAND, A. J. STURTEVANT,
W. L. WILLIAMS, GEO. E. DYE,
F. S. LAWRENCE, G. W. DISHER,

Committee.

Report accepted and Clerk ordered to cast the ballot.

The Auditor, G. O. Hayford, reported Treasurer's report correct. On motion the Treasurer's report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Place and Appointments was presented by Rev. R. Whitaker. Report on Time adopted. Report on Appointments was referred back to the Committee for amendment.

Committee on Enrollment reported progress. Committee on Obituaries asked for more time. Granted.

An invitation was received from the American Anti-Saloon League, inviting the Convention to attend its annual meeting at Columbus, O., January 11th, 12th and 13th, 1898. On motion the invitation was accepted, and the Committee on Nominations was requested to name a delegate.

An invitation from the Chamber of Commerce of Nashville, Tennessee, inviting the Convention to visit the Centennial Exposition in May, 1898 was received. On motion it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and read by Rev. L. L. Woods.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The following is a synopsis of the Resolutions adopted by the body:

1. That the unusual attendance, harmonious spirit, and the encouraging report of the year's work in this Convention cause us to turn our faces toward the new year with gratitude and joy.

2. That the most pleasing feature of the present meeting has been the liquidation of the debt which hung like a spectre over Twin Lakes Resort; that

we endorse the purpose for which these grounds were originally secured, and we are not unmindful of the self-sacrificing spirit of the Superintendent, H. E. Parker.

3. That we rejoice over the recent removal of the great debt overhanging our National, Home and Foreign Missionary Societies; that we regard the phenominal event as a heavenly token of a grander enlargement of missionary agencies; that we endorse the general awakening of systematic benevolence, and that to retrench in giving will prove us recreant to the trust reposed in us by our Divine Lord.

4. That, regarding the Temperance Work, an uncompromising position of total abstinence for individuals and entire prohibition for the State should be occupied by the members of Churches. That a place be given on our programme at the next Convention for the discussion of this vital subject.

5. That we pledge our fostering care an unequivocal support to California College, believing it to be a rich heritage from its founders; that we will only be satisfied when its epuipment, service and patronage equal the best of its kind in the land; that we commend it to the thoughtful consideration of our young people.

6. That we emphasize our duty in the support of the PACIFIC BAPTIST

Report adopted.

A petition, requesting "the President of the United States to take such steps as may seem best to him, to affect the release of one thousand Chinese slave girls of San Francisco, who are held in durance for the vilest of purposes," was presented for signatures. On motion the officers of the Convention were authorized to sign the same officially.

On motion, ordered that the report of the Board be taken from the table. President Hill called Vice President E. H. Hayden to the Chair. The following amendments to the Constitution, which had been unanimously recommended by the Board of Managers, were presented by Rev. R. Whitaker, to-wit:

1. That Article I of the Constitution be changed to read as follows: "This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California."

2. Article III after the words "at home and abroad" insert these words, "denominational education."

3. Article VIII, Sec. 2, add "4. The California Baptist Education Society."

On motion the amendments were adopted.

The Missionary Pastors, together with Miss Hulda Lofgren, were invited to seats on the platform.

Addresses were made by several.

Convention took a recess of five minutes.

11:40—Convention called to order, Vice President Hayden in the chair.

Rev. L. L. Wood led in prayer, after which Rev. C. M. Hill delivered his lecture on "The Distinctive Principles of Baptists."

On motion ordered that the Theological Union be requested to print the addresses which had been delivered before the Convention in pamphlet form, or as seems best to them, and that Rev. J. Sunderland be requested to turn over to them the money subscribed to print his address on "Baptist Achievements in Foreign Missions."

After prayer by Rev. Wm. M. McCart, the Convention adjourned.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Convention called to order by presiding officer.

The Committee on Time and Place reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Time and Place.

Your Committee on Place and Appointments recommend as the place of the next Convention meeting, Twin Lakes. As the time of the next meeting, August 1st to 7th, 1898, inclusive. The Young People to be requested to arrange their meetings for the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding the Convention. For Preacher of the Annual Sermon, Rev. T. S. Young, of San Jose; Alternate, Rev. W. C. Jenkins, of Salinas.

REV. ROBERT WHITAKER,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

The following have passed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant:

AT REST.

Oakland, First Baptist Church—John R. Mason, Frank Watson, Miss Abbie Perine, Mrs. James Dalziel, Mrs. E. Jayne, Mrs. Lillie Coburn, Obed Chart, Mrs. Caroline King.

Oakland, Tenth Avenue Baptist Church—Mrs. Catharine Sparks, Mrs. M. E. Baldwin, Mrs. Mary M. Webb, Mrs. Wall Wentworth, Miss Minnie Ham, Mrs. Mary Cowell, Mrs. S. Andre.

Santa Rosa Church—Mrs. Martha A. Froots, Mrs. E. C. Stanley.

San Pablo Church—Mrs. Theresa Bouquet.

Willits Church—Charles Hopper, D. H. Whitehead.

Salinas Church—Sidney Osborne, Nancy E. Maulchin, Elizabeth Tucker.

Vallejo, Carmel Baptist Church—Mrs. Ella Gaston, Mrs. Emma Watson.

Los Gatos Church—Sister Anthony.

Sacramento, First Church—Miss Dorothia Brown, Mr. D. O. Palmeter, Rev. Carl Hironomous, Deacon G. N. Hobbs, Miss Ella Cooms, Miss Marion Pease, Deacon Thomas Sayles, Mary Etta Chambers.

Berkeley Church—Newell Ober.

Stockton, First Church—Mrs. Jane Elliott, Mrs. Viola Court.

Willows Church—Mrs. Eleanor Duncan, S. J. Gore.

The following are the names of those whose Church membership we are not able to give:

Frank A. Drew, Miss Mary McCarty, Mrs. M. A. Wyman, Mrs Winifred Huntly-Anderson, Mrs. Rebecca S. Hensley, Mrs. Edna Rose Hudelson, Mrs. Rebecca Crabtree, Thos. W. Lee, Mrs. M. L. Hayes, H. C. Warner, Mrs. Norton, J. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Sarah Moulton, Mrs. Lavine Harper, Mrs. Mary McKee, Mrs. P. C. Haley, Mrs. Alice Newman, Isaac Phillips, Oliver Cowan, Mrs. Phoebe Clymer, Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Mrs. Nellie G. Oldham, Mrs. Anna Francks, Mrs. Helen L. Beecher—Died near Wrights, Cal., July 10, 1897.

S. C. KEETCH, REV. ORIN CRITTENDEN,
MRS. WILSON, MISS BERGER,
REV. TYCHSEN,

Committee.

Convention yielded time to the Pacific Baptist Theological Union. Re-called to order. Rev. Flenor offered prayer.

The following missionaries were requested to speak ten minutes each: Rev. J. F. Carney, of Imusdale; Rev. J. M. Helseley, of Gonzales; Rev. M. N. Squire, of Redding; Rev. J. H. Hargreaves, of Anderson; Rev. D. J. Pierce, D.D., of Berkeley; Rev. N. C. Hansen, of Middletown; Rev. W. M. McCart, of Millville.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. P. Petersen, of Watsonville.

Evening Service.

After devotional service conducted by Rev. Dr. Pierce, the presiding officer called the Convention to order.

A motion prevailed to condense programme so as to omit Thursday.

Incidental collection was taken, amounting to $6.74, which was turned over to the Janitor.

After prayer by Rev. Stephens, the Home Mission Department took charge.

Rev. F. M. Mitchell read the report of the A. B. H. M. S., which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The year has been a notable one in the history of this noble Society. In the face of the stringency of the times there has been an increase in contributions to current funds, the gifts out of a growing spirit of self-sacrifice. Co-operation between the two great Missionary Societies in raising the debts has given new emphasis to the idea that Missions, Home and Foreign, are one. The payment of the great and burdensome debts has not only turned aside the storm of disaster, but, with the dawn of national prosperity and the new movement to secure a deeper sense of the obligations of Stewardship, gives birth to the hope of great enlargement in the days to come. For all these we give gratitude to God.

The Home Mission Society has large claims upon our Churches for support. It originated the work in this State, is the mother of our

largest Churches, and has fostered the denomination with her aid and counsel until we have risen to power. The Society is now giving two-thirds of the money spent on our State Mission fields, and during the present year has aided ten of our Churches in securing houses of worship in gifts aggregating $1875.

It is the conviction of this Society that we should make State Missions fundamental in our thoughts and in the largeness of our gifts. Yet we are debtors not only to California but to all those that dwell in North America, also. This field of grandest possibilities, our Home Mission Society, bears upon her heart, and she appeals to our gratitude for the help we've received; to our patriotism, since our country's perpetuity and glory depend upon its evangelization; to our own well-being since America, saved or unsaved, is coming to California; to our loyalty to Christ, whose blood has redeemed us, whose name we bear. And yet no offering has been made by a single Church of our Convention to this year's work of the Home Mission Society.

This lamentable failure was doubtless due in part to the want of any appointed time for such offering in our system of benevolence and to a confusion in the minds of many as to the relation of the H. M. Society and the State Convention. But is it not largely because we do not sufficiently realize Christ's travail of soul for North America?

Therefore we recommend:

1. That our people take the *Home Mission Monthly* and become acquainted with the facts concerning the evangelization of our whole country.

2. That Home Missions have a place for consideration in the concert of prayer and in the public and private devotions of our pastors and people.

3. That a contribution be made for this cause by every Church and every member during the months of April and May of each year.

4. That, recognizing the service the Society has rendered us in the appointment of Rev. C. A. Wooddy as our District Secretary, we will honor the office by calling upon him for literature and sending to him our offerings for Home Missions and thus add another link to the chain that binds together the denomination on the Pacific Coast.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Pending the adoption, Rev. H. C. Woods, D. D., addressed the Convention.

Dr. DeWitt and Rev. Banks were given more time to raise money

to liquidate the mortgage on Twin Lakes Resort. The debt was reduced to $499.

Adjourned with prayer.

Wednesday Morning.

Bro. Keetch led the opening meeting.

Convention called to order, and Bro. B. B. Jacques offered prayer.

The Board having been authorized to appoint delegates to the National Anti-Saloon League at Columbus, Ohio, January 13th, 1898, reported the following: Rev. Robert Whitaker, of Oakland; Rev. A. B. Banks, of Sacramento; Rev. Geo. E. Dye, of Willows; Rev. F. S. Lawrence, of San Jose; Rev. I. D. Wood, of Exeter, and as Director, Rev. Robert Whitaker.

Dr. Sunderland read the report of the Commission on Systematic Beneficence:

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Commission on Systematic Beneficence present the following report:

The Commission met in Oakland September 14, 1896, and organized by the appointment of J. Sunderland, Chairman; C. H. Hobart, Vice Chairman, and M. P. Boynton Secretary.

In accordance with the lines of work mapped out by the National Commission, Committees were appointed as follows:

1. On Organization and Development of the Work—J. Sunderland, M. P. Boynton and C. H. Hobart.

2. On Statistics and Literature—A. J. Sturtevant, F. M. Mitchell and T. B. Hughes.

3. On Plans of Giving—C. H. Hobart, J. George Gibson and M. P. Boynton.

4 On Conferences and Meetings—J. Sunderland, T. B. Hughes and J. George Gibson.

Committees were also appointed in each Association to secure the appointment of an Associational Commission.

The Committee on Conferences and Meetings secured the holding of special meetings in May, in nearly all the Churches about the bay, preparatory to their making special offerings for the liquidation of the debts of our National Missionary Societies, in which pastors assisted each other and were assisted by other brethren. Though these meetings were not largely attended, they were thought to be profitable. How many Associational Commissions have been appointed is not known. It is hoped to secure such Commissions in all the Associations meeting the coming fall.

Poth State and Associational Commissions have waited for the action of the National Commission. Now that the National Commission has shown the line of its own endeavor, and its desire as to the line of ours, it is hoped that more vigorous work will be done the coming year.

The National Commission has published two sets of leaflets for general distribution in the Churches.

1. Three Bulletins which give the purposes and places of the movement and plans of giving.

2. Four Documents, prepared by some of our ablest writers, which discuss the fundamental principles of beneficence.

The Committee on Literature have secured enough of these for general distribution in all of our Churches, at the nominal cost of the freight from Philadelphia. There is no provision made for means to meet the expenses—even of the distribution of this literature, and they would like instructions how this shall be done.

The following will indicate the line of work now before us, in which the earnest co-operation of all our pastors and others is asked.

1. To secure the proper distribution and use in every Church of the literature which we now have.

2. To secure such practical and Biblical discussions of the great principles of Christian Stewardship and Systematic Beneficence in every Church, as shall largely increase the intelligence and quicken the life of our people along this line and secure the adoption by our members and Churches of better methods of giving.

3. To secure the appointment of Commissions in every Association, and ultimately of Committees in our churches generally.

Your Commission are impressed with the great importance and the timeliness of this movement.

The great Scriptural doctrines of Christian Stewardship and Systematic Beneficence are vital to the highest prosperity of Christ's cause. But they have generally been but very inadequately taught our people. By the many they are neither understood nor practiced, and so the Church does not command its legitimate resources, and the spiritual life of the many is dwarfed. This is an element of great weakness among us. We owe it to Christ, to His cause and to our brethren to push on this movement with all vigor until Christ is honored by all our people, in holding both themselves and their substance as His, to be used under His direction and for His glory.

Your Commission have arranged for a two hour session of this Convention, devoted to the discussion of this subject.

The removal from the State of Rev. M. P. Boynton, Secretary of the Commission, and of Rev. T. B. Hughes, will require that their places be filled by you.

At the last annual meeting of this Convention the matter was submitted to us of arranging a time when offerings should by made by our Churches to the

American Baptist Home Mission Society, consistent with the general plans already adopted by the Convention.

We respectfully recommend that the months of April and May be the time for such offerings; that June and July be the time for the Publication Society, August and September for Christian Education, leaving the time for State Missions, October, November and December, and for Foreign Missions, January, February and March, as previously arranged. Respectfully submitted.

J. SUNDERLAND, FRANK M. MITCHELL,
J. GEORGE GIBSON, A. J. STURTEVANT.

Commission.

Geo. Robert Cairnes addressed the Convention on "Stewardship," and Rev. A. J. Sturtevant on "Church Finance," after which Dr. Woods explained how the great debt on Home and Foreign Mission Societies came to be raised. Discussion followed.

Report of Systematic Beneficence Committee adopted. Rev. T. S. Young and Judge Moody were elected to fill vacancies on said committee.

Rev. Robert Whitaker delivered an address on "Sanctification."

A motion prevailed to instruct the Recording Secretary to publish minutes of the Convention proceedings within thirty days, and embody in the same a record of auxiliary and other societies, providing they pay back dues for records already made, and also pay for future records.

Adjourned with prayer.

Evening Session,

Rev. L. L. Wood conducted devotional service.

Song by Geo. Robert Cairnes.

Convention called to order and Rev. J. F. Carney invoked the divine blessing.

Rev. Frank M. Mitchell addressed the Convention on "The Future Mission of Baptists."

Song by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques entited, "He Cometh."

Rev. R. T. Gray, of Dixon, addressen the Convention on our need of a "Theological Seminary on this Coast."

Dr. Banks again took the floor in behalf of the Twin Lakes debt, and reduced it to $289.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Sunderland.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

This is a reading age. Of making many books there is no end.

Our country is flooded with literature. The secular press sends out its thousands of pages daily. The larger part of all this, to say the least, carries with it nothing of moral influence. How shall we meet and counteract this mighty force? There is but one remedy. People *will* read. We rejoice that they will do so. To save them from the influence of non-religious literature we must provide them with something better.

We therefore earnestly recommend the various issues of our own Baptist Publication Society as well as the valuable periodicals of our Missionary Societies and our weekly denominational papers to all our people. We would especially urge the importance of the hearty support of our own Pacific Coast paper—the *Pacific Baptist.*

SAMUEL B. MORSE, G. M. COULTER,
F. M. REED, M. A. HAM,
Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS 1896–1897,

Alameda	$ 45 80	Forward	$255 91
Anderson	5 00	San Francisco, First	68 95
Auburn	8 00	San Francisco, First, S S.	4 00
Berkeley	36 00	San Francisco, Emman'l.	65 00
Ceres	5 20	San Fran., Em'an'l, S S.	12 00
Ceres, C. E. Society	5 00	San Fran , Em'an'l, C E.	5 70
Chico	19 75	S. F., Em., Kings Dgters.	5 00
*Chualor	7 30	San Fran. Hamil'n Sq're.	34 20
*Clipper Gap	1 81	San Fran., Swedish	77 40
Covelo	1 00	San Jose, First	25 00
Dixon	29 40	San Jose, Emmanuel	57 00
*Dutch Flat	4 50	Salinas	16 50
Exeter	14 95	San Lucas	4 30
Fort Bragg	29 60	San Pablo	5 40
Fresno	6 50	Santa Rosa	6 91
Golden Gate	20 00	Santa Rosa, Y P S C E.	47 55
*Gold Run	1 60	*Sisson	10 75
Gonzales	14 50	Sonora	1 75
	$255 91		$703 32

Forward	$703 32	Forward	$1375 42
Hanford	9 00	Stockton	21 40
Healdsburg	11 90	*Towles	126 45
Hollister	5 10	Tulare	14 60
King City	5 00	Ukiah	20 80
Lakeport	4 00	Vallejo	27 15
*Lindsay	6 85	Vallejo Y. P. S.	5 00
Madera	20 00	Vallejo, S.S.	5 00
*Manton	2 40	Vallejo, South, S. S.	2 85
Middletown	12 10	Visalia	1 00
Millville	12 50	Waterford	6 15
*Mt. View	29 80	Westport	50
Oakland, First	105 00	Willows	95 15
Oakland, Tenth Ave	141 00	Winters	3 00
Oakland, Tenth Ave, S S.	3 30	*Woodland	25 00
Oakland, 23d Ave	132 50	W. H. M. Society	746 66
Oakland, Beth Eden	15 00	Western Ass'n	5 00
Oakland, Dan. Nor	28 90	‡Collections on the Field.	238 90
Orland	3 75	Harvest Home	173 72
Petaluma	10 00	"J. Alus",	50
Petaluma, S. S.	1 50	Chow Leung	1 00
Round Mountain	6 00	Henry Jackson	2 50
Sacramento, First	40 00	*F. S. Lawrence	21 95
Sacramento, Calvary	19 50	E. P. Vining	75 00
Sacramento, Emmanuel	37 00	Mrs. E. P. Vining	75 00
Sacramento, Em., Y P S.	10 00	No name given	25 00
	$1375 42		$3054 70

‡Included (by mistake) in "Collections on the Field" are the following: A. J. Melchonian, $5; Miss Carrie A. Depperman, $1; M. H. Stevens and wife, $2; O. Crittenden and wife, $2.

RECEIPTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Adams, H. E.	25 00	Lim Lum	50
Allen, J. L.	15 00	Melchonian, A. J.	25 00
Chow Leung	1 00	McCart, W. M.	43 50
Disher, G. W.	114 00	Petersen, P.	221 30
Green, J. M.	39 00	Rush, Z. C.	20 00
Hansen, N. C.	16 00	Russell, A. M.	135 00
Hargreaves, J H.	5 00	Slaughter, M.	40 00
Latourette, W. H.	846 84	Wood, I. D.	159 35
Lawrence	203 00	No name signed	20 00
	$1929 49		$1929 49

MISSIONARY FUND.

To balance per last report	$ 116 52	
Receipts per list	3094 70	
" ac'ct minutes	7 00	
By receipts of Missions per list		$1929 49
Warrant No. 39		5 00
" " 43		23 95
" " 44		6 00
" " 45		12 50
" " 46		2 00
" " 47		127 50
Remittance to N. Y.		216 50
Balance		895 28
	$3218 22	$3218 22

EDIFICE FUND.

To balance per last report	$ 684 11	
Rent of Modesto property	16 00	
Chapel Day—San Jose, First	5 00	
Gonzales	8 00	
By expenses—Modesto, Insurance		$ 6 25
Taxes		15 95
Commissions		80
Transferred ac'ct note, N.Y.		500 00
Balance		190 11
	$ 713 11	$ 713 11

COLPORTEUR FUND.

To 23d Ave. Church, Oakland, $25; Willows, $5	$ 30 00	
Balance overdrawn	7 99	
Overdrawn per last report		$ 36 99
	$ 36 99	$ 36 99

The undersigned has examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer and has compared the same with vouchers and finds all correct.

(Signed) G. O. HAYFORD,
Auditor.

Report of Recording Secretary.

General Missionary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Oakland
District Secretary, A. B. M. U.....Rev. J. Sunderland, D. D , Oakland
Sunday School Missionary.....D. P. Ward, San Jose

MISSIONARIES OF THE CHINESE.

Mr. Lum Lun.....San Francisco
Mrs. H. F. Norris..... "
Mrs. C. W. Wright..... "
Mrs. E. J. Houghton..... "
Miss Martha J. Ames..... "
Miss A Florence Ford.....269 E. Sixteenth St., East Oakland
Rev. Tong Kit Hing.....4 Clay Avenue, San Francisco
Miss Eliza Wilsie.....907 Fifth Street, Sacramento
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno
Mrs. A. Egli and Miss Ida Egli.....Oakland

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA.

†Abbott, G. S., D. D.....188 Eleventh Street, Oakland
Adams, H. E.....San Jose
†Adams, W. E.....Oakland
Allen, J. L.....229 Sixth Street, Oakland
Anderson, John..... Westport
Bacon, Charles B.....Fort Bragg
Backlund.....Oakland
Baker, F. N.....Maxwell
Banks, E.....Oakland
Banks, A. B., D. D.....1417, Twelfth Street, Sacramento
Barr, John.....Red Bluff
†Beesley, C. A.....Sacramento
†Bonner, J. D.....Willow Ranch
Bramlet, M.....Grimes
Burroughs, J. N.....Wheatland
Burroughs, J P.....Janesville
†Boynton, Amos.....San Jose
Bradley, M. G.....Selma
†Briggs, O. W.....Berkeley
Brinkley, W. A.....Stockton
†Brayton, H. W.,.....San Jose
†Buckbee, C. A., D. D.....2009 California Street, San Francisco
†Case, A.....Santa Rosa

Cable, A. J ..... Petaluma
Carney, J. F ..... Parkfield
Carroll, Chas ..... King City
†Cartwright, John ..... Malaga
†Clark, A ..... Bishop Creek
Clark, R. D ..... San Jose
Chapman, W. A ..... Sonora
Chastain, S. B ..... Lake City
†Cook, W. L ..... Corning
Connelly, W. R ..... Auburn
†Crittenden, Orrin ..... Mountain View
†Cunningham, G. P ..... Shingletown
DaMant, James ..... Orosi
†Daniels, J. W ..... Sacramento
Davis, Geo. E ..... Bieber
†Dawson, J. W ..... Anderson
Dietz, H. L ..... 40 Erie Street, San Francisco
Disher, G. W ..... Willits
Donnell, G. W ..... Hanford
†Dorward, H. W ..... Oakland
Downie, John ..... Winters
Duncan, George E ..... 518 Powell Street, San Francisco
Driver, W. C ..... Vacaville
Dye, Geo. E ..... Willows
Eby, M. S ..... Healdsburg
Edgren, J. A., D D ..... Oakland
Faw, G. P ..... Salinas
Fechter, Joseph ..... Sacremento
Farmer, B F ..... Ukiah
Faxon, S. E ..... Arbuckle
Fleenor, W. T ..... Morgan Hill
†Foster, Joseph ..... Santa Clara
Freeman, N. L ..... Reno, Nevada
French, J. M ..... Fresno
Gaston, W. L ..... Vallejo
†Gear, H. L ..... 211 Sansome Street, San Francisco
Gibson, J George ..... 2332 Mission Street, San Francisco
Gray, G. W ..... Fresno
Gray, R. T ..... Dixon
Ghent, Carroll ..... Fresno
Green, J. M ..... Tulare
†Griffiths, J. B ..... Nortonville
Hargreaves, James H ..... Anderson
Hansen, N. C ..... Middleton

Harriman, S. M. ..... Winters
Hatch, E. B. ..... Salinas
Haycock, Charles W. ..... Lakeport
Hartwell, J. B., D.D. ..... San Francisco
Harvey, L B. ..... San Pablo
Hayden, E. H. ..... Santa Cruz
Hayland, N ..... Red Bluff
Helsley, J. M. ..... Gonzales
Henderson, L. E. ..... Willow Ranch
Herrick, A. C. ..... 1304, N Street, Sacramento
Hill, C M. ..... 1367 Tenth Avenue, Oakland
Hobart, C. H ..... 763 Twelfth Street, Oakland
†Holenbeck, W. H. ..... Pittville
†Howard, M. W ..... Ukiah
†Hoyt, N. F. ..... Oakland
†Hudelson, B. F. ..... Golden Gate
Jenkins, W. C ..... Salinas
Johnson, M. M ..... Usal
Keetch, S. C. ..... Golden Gate
Kidder, W. S ..... Ono
†Kirkpatrick, T. J ..... Orland
†Knight, J. B. ..... San Francisco
Latourette, W. H. ..... Oakland
Laws, C. C. X ..... Sacramento
Lawrence, F. S. ..... San Jose
McCart, W. M. ..... Red Bluff
McNeece, T. L. ..... Merced
Melchonian, A. J., M. D. ..... Fresno
†Mitchell, Levi ..... San Jose
Mitchell, F. M ..... Sacramento
Mitchell, Peter ..... St. Helena
Moody, J. F. ..... Alameda
Morgan, John ..... Stockton
†Morris, V. ..... Winters
Morse, S. B., D. D ..... East Oakland
†Nelson, C. M. ..... 1189 Market Street, San Francisco
Padley, Carter ..... Los Gatos
Paterson, T. M ..... Lakeport
Palm, C. S. E. ..... San Francisco
Petty, A. M. ..... Dixon
Panyn, D. ..... Webster
Pierce, D. J., D. D. ..... Berkeley
Prior, J. T. ..... Santa Clara
†Prunk, G. E. ..... Healdsburg

Randall, S. B.....Oakland
†Randolph, Thomas E.....Marysville
†Read, George R.....Alameda
†Reis, Eli.....Merced
†Reider, J. H.....Berkeley
†Rice, Eli.....Lake City
†Roddan, D. F.....Wheatland
†Roscoe, W. E.....Freshwater
Ross. J. S.....Caspar
†Runnels, G. W.....Lake City
Russell, A. M.....San Francisco
Sanders, J. E.....Oakland
Sandford, E T.....Santa Cruz
Sanford, S. L.....Ukiah
†Sawyer, M. K.....Willits
Shields, A. P.....Berkeley
Slaughter, M.....Woodland
Smith, Alanson D.....Oleander
Smith, T. F.....San Jose
Squires, M. U.....Redding
†Stark, J. I. G.....Alturas
Stone, W. F.....Towles
Stephens, T. H.....Eureka
Sturtevant, A. J.....1708 K Street, Sacramento
Swena, Anson,.....Nord
Sunderland, J., D. D.....1457 Myrtle Street, Oakland
Swift, G. W.....Stockton
†Taft, S. A., D. D.....Alameda
†Taylor, C. S.....Maxwell
†Thompson, C. J.....Santa Clara
†Thompson, W.....Sutter City
Tong Kit Hing.....4 Clay Avenue, San Francisco
Tychsen, N.....1228 Twenty-fifth Avenue, Fruitvale
Waldrop, Jos.....Healdsburg
Webster, F. H.....Ceres
Webster, D.....Penryn
†Wells, James.....Plateau
†Whitcomb, Orin Jr.....Calpella
Whitaker, Robert.....1264 Twenty-fourth Avenue, East Oakland
Wood, I. D.....Oakland
Wood, L. L.....Los Gatos
Young, T. S.....San Jose

GEO. E. DYE, *Recording Secretary*,
Willows, Cal.

† Not Engaged in Ministerial Work.

MINUTES OF

The Baptist Education Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President.....Rev. A. B. Bakns, D.D.
Vice President.....Rev. Robert Whitaker.
Secretary.....Rev A. J. Sturtevant.
Treasurer.....Rev. S. B. Randall.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Class 1. Term Expires 1898—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, W. R. Gallup, Dr. I. S. Eschleman.

Class 2. Term Expires 1899—Rev. S. B. Randall, Rev. A. B. Banks, D. D., Rev. I. D. Wood.

Class 3. Term Expires 1900—Rev. J Geo. Gibson, Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Rev. Robert Whitaker.

Twin Lakes, August 21, 1897.

10:30—Education Society called to order by President I. D. Wood. Led in Prayer by Rev. Peterson. Song.

Voted, that all accredited delegates of the Churches to the Convention be recognized as delegates to the Education Society, insofar as this does not conflict with the Constitution of this body, and consider the first named on the list as the accredited ones.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers.

Voted to appoint a committee of three to prepare nominations and report after the Association. Chair appointed Brother Keetch, Brother Hansen and Brother McCune.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows:

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Receipts—

Collections at State Convention, 1896	$ 37 35
Middletown Baptist Church	3 15
San Francisco, First Baptist Church	56 15
"A Friend"	2 00
Sacramento, Emmanuel Baptist Church	10 30

Disbursements—		
100 postal cards, with printing		$ 2 25
Appropriations to students		17 00
Tuition of students		25 00
California College		60 00
Total	$108 95	$104 25
Balance on hand		4 70

S. B. RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

Report adopted.

Voted that a Committee of five be appointed to report next year conditions under which beneficiaries of this Society shall receive help.

Voted that during the coming year this Committee be impowered to assume control and disburse funds.

Voted that the Nominating Committee be asked to nominate this Committee also.

Voted that this Committee confer with the Executive Committee of the Board of College Trustees, that in canvassing for funds there need be no clashing of interests.

President T. G. Brownson then proceeded to the discussion of the topic, "The One Pressing Need of California College."

Further discussion by Revs. A. B. Banks and W. H. Latourette.

The Chairman declared a recess of three minutes.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Baptist Education Society:

Your Committee submit the following names as nominees for officers of the Baptist Education Society for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D.

Vice-President—Rev. Robert Whitaker.

Secretary—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

Treasurer—Rev. S. B. Randall.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Class 3. Term Expires in 1900—Rev. J. George Gibson, Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Rev. Robert Whitaker.

For the Committee to determine the conditions under which beneficiaries of this Society shall receive help:

Revs. C. M. Hill, C. H. Hobart, S. C. Keetch, Prof. J. T. Wallace, Rev. J. F. Moody.

Report adopted.

Voted that Dr. Sunderland cast the ballot for nominees and nominees declared elected.

Adjourned.

MINUTES OF

The Baptist Historical Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President.....Judge H. E. McCune.
Vice President.....Rev. E. B. Hatch.
Secretary and Treasurer.....Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.
Librarian.....Prof. J. T. Wallace.

Twin Lakes, August 21, 1897.

9:30 A. M.—Meeting called to order by President H. E. McCune.

Led in Prayer by Rev. O. Crittenden.

The President announced that it was the intention to have a history of the First Church of San Jose, but the Clerk of the Church had failed to provide such a history. He announced that Rev. E. B. Hatch would deliver an address.

Brother Hatch proceeded to give very interesting reminiscences of Twenty-seven Years Experience in the Baptist Ministry in California.

The Society proceeded to elect officers as follows:

President—Dea. H. E. McCune.
Secretary—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.
Librarian—Prof. J. T. Wallace.
Treasurer—Rev. A J. Sturtevant.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant.

H. E. McCUNE, *President.*

A. J. STURTEVANT, *Secretary.*

MINUTES OF

The Pacific Baptist Theological Union

OF CALIFORNIA.

OFFICERS.

President.....Rev. J. SUNDERLAND
Corresponding Secretary.....Rev. C. H. HOBART
Recording Secretary.....Rev. ROBERT WHITAKER
Treasurer.....Mr. C. F. BAKER

DIRECTORS.

Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Rev. W. H. Latourette,
Rev. S. C. Keetch,
Rev. George Duncan,
Hon. H. E. McCune,
Rev. F. M. Mitchell,
Rev. C. M. Hill,
Rev. J. Sunderland,
Rev. Robert Whitaker,
H. L. Gear, Esq.,
Mr. C. F. Baker.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. Sunderland,
Rev. Robert Whitaker,
Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Mr. C. F. Baker,
Rev. C. M. Hill.

Twin Lakes, Santa Cruz,
Santa Cruz Co., Cal., August 24, 1897.

The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union was called to order by Rev. Robert Whitaker. In the absence of the President, Rev. J. Sunderland was called to the Chair. The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Robert Whitaker, and on motion was adopted. The report was as follows:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

The Board of Trustees has met from time to time and transacted such business as was demanded. Owing to the lack of available funds the work of instruction has not been carried on during the past twelve months. The year, however, has seen the removal of the financial complications that have for some time hindered the Union in the prosecution of its work. Property of the Union which was in jeopardy has been made safe, and while the income of the institution available for present work is limited, the permanent funds are increasing month by month. During the present year Mrs. Celia A. Higgins, of the First Baptist Church of Oakland, has made a gift to the Union of property valued at $350.

It is proposed to do something the present year in the matter of Bible Instruction in connection with California College, and also to conduct a course of lectures under the auspices of the Union. The fact that a number of our young men and women desire to fit themselves for mission work, and are seeking training therefor, seems to indicate that the Union should undertake to provide the best facilities possible in this direction consistent with its limited available income. The desire has also been expressed by some of our pastors that the Union outline a course of study that could be pursued at home, and that examinations be held from time to time and certificates be given indicating the work done. It is believed that this would be profitable, and appreciated by not a few of those whose opportunities for special preparation for their work have been limited.

C. H. HOBART,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the following brethren for Directors:

Rev. C. H. Hobart,	Rev. F. M. Mitchell,	Rev. W. H. Latourette,
Rev. C. M. Hill,	Rev. S. C Keetch,	Rev. J. Sunderland,
Rev. George Duncan,	Rev. Robt. Whitaker,	Hon. H. E. McCune,
H. L. Gear, Esq.,	Mr. C. F. Baker.	

The ballot being cast for the above brethren they were duly declared elected. It was then voted to adjourn, to meet with the Convention in August, 1898.

ROBERT WHITAKER,
Recording Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, Santa Cruz Co., Cal.,

Tuesday, August 24, 1897.

The Board of Directors of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union met in the parlors of the Auditorium at 3½ p. m.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. J. Sunderland.

Vice President—Rev. S. C. Keetch.

Recording Secretary—Rev. Robert Whitaker.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. H. Hobart.

Treasurer—Mr. C. F. Baker.

Executive Committee—J. Sunderland, Robert Whitaker, C. H. Hobart, C. F. Baker, C. M. Hill.

The following Committees were appointed:

Committee on Instruction—Robert Whitaker, George Duncan, J. Sunderland.

Committee on Finance—C. H. Hobart, C. F. Baker, H. L. Gear.

Committee on Auditing—W. H. Latourette, C. M. Hill, S. C. Keetch.

Committee on Buildings—C. F. Baker, F. M. Mitchell, H. L. Gear.

Committee on Beneficiaries—H. E. McCune, W. H. Latourette, F. M. Mitchell.

Committee on Anniversaries—S. C. Keetch, George Duncan, J. Sunderland.

Committee on Library—C. M. Hill, C. H. Hobart, Robert Whitaker.

It was voted that we are in sympathy with the proposal to hold an Educational Conference, and that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the call of the Recording Secretary.

The Committee on Instruction was requested to investigate the matter of publishing the lectures delivered before the Convention; also to outline a course of Theological Study, and report to the Board.

Adjourned with prayer.

ROBERT WHITAKER,
Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF

The Baptist Young People's Union

OF CALIFORNIA.

Twin Lakes, August 21, 1897.

The B. Y. P. U. of Central and Northern California convened at the Baptist Church, Twin Lakes, August 21. 1897, with President D. J. Davis in the Chair.

The President conducted a prayer and praise service.

The Statistical report showed an aggregate of 2049 members, 352 Baptist Unions taken, 175 taking C. C. C., 33 conversions, $1148 contributions, 318 Systematic Givers.

A resolution prevailed that each Association be entitled to one representative as an ex officio member of the State Board of Managers.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

For President, D. J. Davis, of Sacramento; Vice President, J. L. Roy Dixon, Palo Alto; Recording Secretary, Miss May Adams, San Jose; Corresponding Secretary, E. G. Humphreys, Milton; Treasurer, Miss Fannie Dam, Wheatland; Junior Superintendent, D. P. Ward, Oakland. Ex officio Members South Central Association—Rev. T. S. Young, San Jose. Central—Rev. J. George Gibson, San Francisco. Pacific—Rev. W. C. Driver, Vacaville. American River—Geo. M. Purnell, Sacramento. Clear Lake—Mrs. B. F. Farmer, Ukiah. Sacramento River—Geo. E. Dye, Willows. San Joaquin—W. L. Williams, Madera.

Rev. J. M. Helsley, of Gonzales, read a paper on "Making Our Religion More Practical."

Miss May Adams read a paper on "More Consecration."

Rev. Wm. M. McCart gave a report of Millville evangelistic work.

Brother A. C. Austin reported in the Gospel Wagon work, 250 converted and 125 baptisms since January 1st.

Addresses were delivered by D. P. Ward, B. B. Jacques, Dr. A. B. Banks, I. D. Wood, T. S. Young and Rev. Frank Sullivan.

SUNDAY.

9:15—Miss F. Ford conducted Prayer Service.

9:45—Sunday School session led by D. P. Ward.

Rev. W. T. Jenkins, Rev. W. T. Fleenor and T. S. Knauer addressed the Convention.

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Stephens sang a duet.

JUNIORS.

Robert Lynch conducted the service, at which Rev. H. W. Rider, of Los Angeles, and Miss F. Ford delivered addresses. Master Juel Stephens read a report of the Chico Juniors and Rev. J. George Gibson gave an illustrated talk on "Development." D. P. Ward gave an illustrated talk on "Junior Work."

6:45—D. J. Davis conducted a Prayer and Praise Service.

Rev. J. George Gibson sang a solo, after which the Enrollment Committee reported: Societies represented, thirty-three; number of delegates, ninety.

The Committee on Resolutions reported.

7:45—Rev. E. H. Hayden presented C. C. C. Senior Banner to the Madera Society and the Junior to First Church of Sacramento.

D. P. Ward, Rev. E. H. Hayden and J. LeRoy Dixon were appointed as Pacific Coast Division Committee.

A letter of greeting from Dr. Chivers, to the Convention, was read.

Dr. Banks secured $144 in pledges and $8.70 in collections for the promotion of B. Y. P. U. work in this State.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Rev. Robert Whitaker withdrew from the program and Rev. Geo. E. Dye delivered the closing address.

Brother Whitaker offered the closing prayer.

Report of the Recording Secretary.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
General Baptist Convention of California	Rev C M Hill, 1367 Tenth Ave., East Oakland	Corresponding Secretary, Rev W H Catourette, Oakland Recording Secretary, Rev Geo E Dye, Willows	C F Baker, P. Box 501, Oakland
American River Baptist Association	Frank M Mitchell, Sacramento.	R B Sherman, Newcastle	G O Hayford, Sacramento.
Central Baptist Association	L W Elliott, Stockton	B C Wright, 1703 Gough St, S F. O C Pope, Ass't, 2722 Pine, S F.	Geo W Frazer, Gelden Gate, Oakland.
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev B F Farmer, Ukiah	Rev G W Disher, Willits	R P White. Upper Lake.
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev M Slaughter, Woodland	Rev N C Hausen, Middletown	G M Coulter, Dixon.
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev Geo E Dye, Willows	Rev M U Squire, Redding	A E Duncan, Willows
San Joaquin Valley Baptist Association	Rev G W Donnel, Hanford	Rev M G Bradley, Selma	W R Durham, Selma.
South Central Baptist Association	Rev C J Thompson, San Jose.	Mrs Ida M Carpenter, San Jose.	W m Pence, Salinas,
Western Baptist Association	Rev W A Brinkley, Stockton	Cor sec'y, Rev C H Anderson. Los Angeles Rec Secretary, Rev J H Clisby, Redlands	Rev J Whitlock, Los Ange's
Baptist Education Society	Rev A B Banks, Sacramento	Rev A J Sturtevant, Sacram'to	Rev S B Randall, Oakland.
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society.	Mrs Jas Sunderland, 378 Fifth Street, Oakland	Cor Sec, Mrs J D Bush, Oakland Rec Sec, Miss Ida Spencer, 2554 San Jose Avenue, Alameda	Mrs E F Joy, 207 Fell Street, San Francisco.
Baptist Historical Society of California.	President, H E McCune, Dixon Vice President, Rev E B Hatch	Rev A J Sturtevant, Sacramn'to Cor Sec, Rev C H Hobart	Rev A J Sturtevant, Sac'to.
Pacific Baptist Theological Union	Rev J Sunderland, Oakland	Rec sec, Robert Whitaker Cor sec, E H Humphrey, Milton	C F Baker, Oakland.
Pacific Young People's Union of Central and Northern California	D J Davis, Sacramento	Rec Sec, Miss May Adams, San Jose	Miss Fannie Dam, Wheatl'nd
Pastors' and Deacons' Association	No report.		

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

July 31st, 1896, to

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION,

Organized.	CHURCH.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MEMBERSHIP. Increase. i By Baptism.	ii By Letter.	iii By Experience.	iv Total.	v Letter.	vi Exclusion	vii Erasure.	viii Death.	ix Total.	x Present Membership
1877	Alameda	J F Moody	Mattie Torson	2	12	..	14	9	..	4	1	14	127
1889	Berkeley	D J Pierce	Nellie P Clough	..	12	1	13	4	7	1	1	13	72
1879	Ceres	F H Webster	Mrs A E Ulch	2	2	..	4	3	..	..	3	6	72
1891	Golden Gate	S C Keech	W P Joseph	14	7	..	28	5	..	..	1	6	129
1854	Oakland, 1st.	C H Hobart	H Garthwaite	50	41	6	97	31	4	3	8	46	620
....	" 10th Av.	C M Hill	G W Howard	9	14	1	24	14	..	1	7	22	283
1889	" 23d Av.	Robt Whitaker	W C Greenland	7	22	2	31	20	..	..	1	21	276
1890	" Beth Ed	J L Allen	L B Allen	6	1	3	10	8	4	..	1	13	52
1891	" Dang N.	N Tychsen	C L Spanggard	3	3	..	6	8	..	1	..	9	44
1885	" Swedish		L J Hagstrom	..	9	2	11	9	15	..	..	24	96
....	" Penryn	*J H Daniels	D D Stryker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
1849	San Fran. 1st.		O C Pope	18	48	8	74	31	..	..	4	35	741
1869	" Eman'l.	J Geo Gibson	T A Vogel	9	11	2	22	4	1	..	1	6	176
1881	" Ham.Sq	A M Russell	J L Maw	8	10	..	18	3	..	..	2	5	110
1854	" Third	Geo E Duncan	G E Duncan, Jr.	..	4	1	5	1	7	3	..	11	89
1880	" Chinese	Tong Kit Hing	Lien Yuen	7	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	68
1884	" German	R L Dietz	J Fritz Bochm	1	2	1	7	4	4	..	2	10	64
....	" Swedish	No report.											
1890	San Pablo	L B Harvey	M A Johnson	8	2	1	11	3	..	..	1	4	27
1887	Sonora	W A Chapman	W H Rablen	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	1	34
1853	Stockton	G W Swift	W Davies	9	8	5	23	10	1	2	2	15	242
....	" 2d	*J Morgan	Miss Hatton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
....	Waterford	No report.											
....	Wheatland	See American River Association.											
	Total			154	211	34	410	..	43	15	35	261	3417

AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION—

				i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x
1891	Auburn	W R Connelly	W T Gibson	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
....	Ch. Valley			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
....	Oak Park			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
....	Penryn			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
....	Reno, Nevada			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
....	Sacramento			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
1869	" Calvary	F'nk M Mitchell	Cecilie Schubert	5	10	1	16	7	8	5	1	21	181
1889	" Emmn'l	A J Sturtevant	Geo M Purnell	11	4	1	16	1	..	..	..	1	91
....	Towles			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
....	Wadsworth			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
1876	Wheatland	J W Burroughs	B F Dam	2	5	..	7	5	..	..	1	6	82
	Total			20	23	2	45	13	8	5	2	28	384

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

July 31st, 1897.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

xi	xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii	xix	xx	xxi	xxii
Church Expenses.	Gen'l Baptists Convention of California.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions of New York.	Publication Society.	Education.	Other Objects.	Convention Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Improvements	Total Raised During Year.	Total Value of Church Property
$300	$ 29 25	$ 52 65	.....	.....	.....	$ 35 00	.....	$ 1,200	$180	$ 1,796	$ 10,000
300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	...	1,200	5,000
55	5 20	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1 00	254	...	324	5,000
300	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	2 00	900	..	1,230	5,000
1,721	111 50	436 19	$ 913 04	$ 6 92	$ 34 68	76 00	.....	1,800	....	2 877	30,000
1,200	141 00	418 60	80 00	.....	.....	42 30	.....	1,800	..	3.283	10,000
4 .8	87 50	145 00	32 00	25 00	75 00	115 00	3 00	1,320	50	2,306	1,500
200	10 00	.....	.....	2 69	.....	.....	1 00	400	75	694	3.400
8..	28 90	30 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00	1 00	550	..	704	3,500
197	15 00	45 25	.....	.....	5 00	87 00	9 00	850	198	1,211	6 500
121	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	1,000
4.560	115 70	128 10	.....	.....	45 75	260 00	5 00	.....	60	5,115	50.000
350	65 00	7 25	11 57	11 30	2 00	500 00	2 00	1,260	200	5,131	32,000
506	20 00	24 25	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	900	....	1,153	7,500
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68	.....	31 00	37 30	22 00	25 00	.....	1 00	840	..	1,027	20,000
250	.....	20 00	10 00	.....	.....	40 00	.....	750	..	1,070	5,000
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251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	26	1,500
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$10.927	$650 00	$1262 00	$1084 00	$68 00	$198 00	$1510 00	$28 00	$15,457	$763	$32,006	$225,000

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$ 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$197 00	.....	$100	.. ..	$327	$ 600
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CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION—

					i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x	
....	†Caspar	G W Disher	G Bucknell												30
....	†Fort Bragg	B C Bacon	C W Mathews												88
....	†Hollow Tree	M M Johnson			7										17
....	†Kibesillah		J McFarlane												14
....	Kelseyville														
1894	Long Valley	G W Disher	M V McAninch												25
1893	Mendocino	J S Ross	C H Joy												9
....	Potter Valley														50
....	Ukiah		Susan Gibson												200
....	Upper Lake		R P White												39
....	Usal	M S Eby	Frank Hall		9	1			10						22
1884	Willetts	G W Disher	Miss Iva Muir			1		1	8		2	2	12		74
....	Westport		Miss L Mathews		29										50
....	Eureka														
....	Point Arena		M A Higgins		5	1			6						19
....	†Lake Port		Myrtle Hobbs												87
1885	Round Valley	G W Disher	C Bucknell		1		1	2							31
	Total				51	3	1	3	24		2	2	12		757

PACIFIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—

					i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x	
1895	Cinobria														
1856	Dixon	A M Peety	T B Barnes		3	5	1	9	3	14		1	18		168
....	Healdsburg	*J Waldrop	O Waldrop												140
1890	Middletown	W C Hansen	W B Dearborn		1	4	1	6		5	1		6		54
1877	Napa		J P Twyman		13	6		19	40	4			44		67
1853	Petaluma	A J Cable	Adel'e Stephens			1		1	2		2		4		46
1850	Sac., First	A B Banks, D D	D J Davis		34	21	16	73	9	5	3	8	25		324
....	" Mt. Zion														15
1897	Santa Rosa		J F Stanley			7		7	8			2	10		172
1854	St. Helena	Peter Mitchell	Wm J G Dawson			4		4	2			1	3		46
1871	Vacaville	W C Driver	E F Pinkham		8	5	3	16							64
1869	Vallejo	W L Gaston	Mrs Farrington		8	4	4	16	4			2	6		135
....	Winters		Mise Morris												60
....	Woodland		C T Bidwell												104
	Total				67	57	25	151	68	28	6	14	116		1395

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION.

					i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x	
....	Armonia														
....	Bakersfield		†J F Miner												42
....	Carother s														
1897	Clovis	*Z C Rush	Mrs A J Smith												17
....	Delano	No report.													
....	Dinuba	No report													
....	Exeter	T H Stephens	Dora Balaam			3		3	2	1			1		34
....	Fresno	J M French	J E Archer		1	12	1	14	20	110	3	2	135		233
....	" Armeni'n	Rev. Milcoman	Mrs L V Azadian												6
....	Hanford		†Mrs M Buckner												58
....	Lemoore		†J T Woodward												58
....	Lindsay	No report.													
1890	Madera	Z C Rush	F E Smith		11	2		13	3	2	7		12		86
1887	Malaga	J Cartwright	Ella Bishop						6	2			8		40
....	Merced		Mrs E L Moor						1	2		1	4		8
....	Orosi		A J Dye												68
....	Pollasky		Nellie Russell												14
....	Reidley		†F S Knauer												40
....	Sanger	No report.													
1885	Selma	M G Bradley	W M Durham		10	11		21	2	1		1	4		104
....	Tulare	Jessie M Green	Lulu Fry		1	9	1	11	18				19		60
....	Woodville		Gertie Mitchell												35
....	Wheatville		Mary Burrows												8
	Total				23	37	2	62	52	118	10	4	183		911

xi	xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii	xix	xx	xxi	xxii
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.....	$1 70	$7 00	$1 50	$2 50	.....	$1000 00	.....	$115	....	$1.137	$4,500

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$350	$75 00	$42 80	$29 40	$4 20	$27 15	$30 00	$5 00	$1200	$700	$2250	$8800
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150	.....	8 25	18 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	700	152	880	5000
102	3 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	227	....	242	2000
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54	.....	4 06	5 00	.....	.....	442 00	1 00	148	497	1153	3000
112	.....	15 45	.....	.....	.....	500 00	.....	400	....	1032	3000
320	10 00	25 00	30 00	.....	.....	492 00	....	1020	....	1800	5500
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$1007	$ 5 00	$84 00	$36 00	.....	$5 00	$1195 00	$3 00	$1718	..	$3935	$2100

SACRAMENTO RIVER ASSOCIATION—

				i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x
1890	Anderson	J Hargreaves	E E Badgley	6	4	2	13	5	..	..	..	5	67
1873	Arbuckle	S E Faxon	M J E Jones	1	..	..	..	4	1	5	..	10	35
....	Biggs	..	Mrs J N Muns	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	37
....	Battle Creek	No report.											....
....	Chico	..	W O Graeber	3	1	1	5	6	1	13	1	21	157
....	Cohassett	..	W H Fenessey	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	4	29
1896	Corning	W L Cook	C D Smith	..	3	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	13
1895	Cottonwood	J H Hargreaves	E C Shumacher	10	1	1	12	..	..	..	1	31	1
....	Inwood	Wm H McCart		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
1887	Grand Island	M Bramlet	Ida Varm	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	4	26
....	Maxwell	F N Baker	H J Cook	12	..	..	12	..	2	7	2	11	77
....	Meredian	M Thompson	I D Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
....	Mt. Lasson	..	Mrs F Baker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
....	Mt. Hope	No report.											
1895	Millville	Wm M McCart	Emma Balet	18	1	4	23	..	..	..	..	..	50
....	Mill Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
...	Orland	Frank N Baker	W W Thomas	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	5	110
....	Ono	W S Kidder	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	22
....	Redding	M U Squire	Mrs J F Lyons	17	6	7	30	1	..	2	..	3	83
....	Red Bluff	..	Mrs J W Walters	..	3	..	3	1	..	3	1	5	88
1895	Round Mt.	Wm M McCart	Dan Phillips	5	..	1	6	..	..	..	1	1	18
....	Williams	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
1882	Willows	Geo E Dye	H B Sanders	9	6	1	16	2	..	..	2	4	182
	Total	..	..	85	27	17	126	24	6	32	13	106	1114

SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—

				i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	x
1893	Aptos	P Petersen	M E Titus	3	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	13
1984	Gonzales	J M Helsey	J Boekenoogen	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
...	Hollister	W T Fleenor	P O Morgan Hill	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
1884	†Imusdale	..	†J C Harris	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
1892	Kings City	..	W J Downing	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	21
....	†Los Gatos	..	†E French	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140
1893	Morgan Hill	W F Fleenor	I B Briscoe	3	3	1	7	4	..	..	..	4	54
1886	Mt. View Mem	F D Lawrence	Mrs Crittenden	3	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	26
1880	Pleyto, Shiloh	..	Geo Shayer	5	..	1	6	..	1	..	..	1	30
...	†Pisinas	No report.											49
1874	Salinas, 1st	W C Jenkins	W M Pence	1	9	2	12	5	..	7	3	15	80
1850	San Jose, 1st	T S Young	Ida M Carpenter	18	41	7	73	30	1	3	5	39	384
1895	" Emman'l	F S Lawrence	R M Smith	..	3	..	3	3	4	..	..	7	73
1888	San Lucas 1st	..	Minta Huff	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	1	8	10
1851	Santa Clara 1st	J I Prior	W J Burrell	2	3	..	5	2	..	..	1	3	58
....	Santa Cruz, 1st	E H Hayden	Saran P Stewart	4	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	16	121
....	† " 2d	..	D J Brock	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41
....	Watsonville	*P Petersen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
1891	Wrights	Chas H Padley	Wm S Mansfield	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	18
	Total	..	..	40	63	11	146	53	6	11	10	95	1191
	Grand Total	..	..	440	421	92	943	..	209	81	80	801	9169

*Supply. †From last year's report.

Women's contributions to Home and Foreign Missions not included in above Report. See Women's Report.

xi	xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii	xix	xx	xxi	xxii
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	$400	....	$ 402	.....
$484	$12 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
53	1 50	$ 5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	$2000
578	4 75	4 75	.....	.....	.....	$ 5 00	.....	.....	....	532	5000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	700
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900 00	.....	120	....	1020	900
.. ...	1 35	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	1000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	.....	.....
602	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3000
503	.....	6 00	$ 4 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	2000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
127	12 50	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	....	135	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2 85	3 00	.....	.....	305 00	.....	350	$225	885	2000
.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
313	18 37	7 05	2 00	$2 30	$1 65	7 75	.....	219	....	800	2500
802	10 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	824	2000
81	6 00	10 00	17 30	.....	.....	5 80	.....	50	5 80	56	....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
150	75 15	100 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	206 00	3 00	1200	....	1734	4000
$3693	$142 00	$160 00	$27 00	$3 30	$6 00	$1229 00	$5 00	$2459	$237	$6388	$21,300

xi	xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii	xix	xx	xxi	xxii
$ 14	.....	.....	.....	$4 20	.....	$4 00	$ 25	$103	$ 40	$152	$400
60	$14 50	$14 65	.....	2 80	.....	40 00	1 00	280	....	413	4000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
.....	10 15	5 20	.....	.....	12 50	30 00	1 00	.....	....	59	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
45	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	380	1000	1381	1300
72	.....	7 25	45 05	.....	4 25	.....	1 50	.....	....	130	3500
.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	4 85	.....	.....	....	8	.....
100	.....	14 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	....	1015	2500
1449	.....	130 00	24 70	.....	.....	41 45	5 00	893	....	2544	40,000
80	12 50	15 00	15 40	.....	.....	7 80	1 50	251	....	400	2000
14	.....	4 30	4 30	.....	.....	.....	1 00	70	....	95	1000
75	.... .	2 20	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	540	....	120	3000
.....	8 75	48 15	21 10	.....	.....	.... ..	.....	800	....	78	6000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	2000
.... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	....	55	1599
1914	46 00	245 00	114 00	7 00	17 00	128 00	11 00	4267	1040	6450	67,200
$20,847	1012 00	$2090 00	$1367 00	87 00	$301 00	$6570 00	$70 00	$33,121	4124	$65,161	$393,959

Statistics of Sunday Schools

July 31st, 1896, to

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION,

Organized.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	i Officers and Teachers.	ii Pupils Enrolled.	iii Average Attendance.	iv Baptised.	v Expense.	CONTRIBUTIONS. vi Foreign Missions.	vii State Missions.	viii Home Missions
1877	Alameda	J F Moody	4	113	60	....	$ 68	$12 90	$9 00	.....
1889	Berkeley	Floyd Watson	12	93	50	....	30	.....	.....	.....
1879	Ceres	C N Whitmore	....	50	40	....	35	1 50	.....	$5 15
1891	Golden Gate	G W Fraser	19	151	78	6	118	8 00	8 00	.....
....	Oakland. 1st.	C F Baker	32	174	159	31	152	6 90	15 00	1 82
1861	" 10th Av.	Joseph Plow	30	220	175	2	.....	27 55	18 45	18 90
1888	" 23d Av.	Prof J T Wallace	21	365	247	4	225	.....	.....	.....
1890	" Beth Ed	J L Allen	9	75	50	4	26	.....	.....	.....
1891	" Dang N.	C Neilson	8	60	50	....	75	3 70	.....	.....
1885	" Swedish	G Gustafson	....	20	23	....	59	.....	.....	.....
....	" Penryn	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1849	San Fran. 1st.	C S Bareford	34	486	350	10	410	15 86	.....	9 59
1868	" Eman'l.	P D Code	17	180	115	5	75	5 00	.....	.....
1881	" Ham.Sq	John Sempey	13	254	126	8	126	4 67	.....	7 50
....	" Third	.....	16	80	68	....	73	11 95	.....	18 25
1877	" Chinese	Mrs H F Norris	3	55	30	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
1885	" German	L Vierhus	6	80	50	....	50	.....	.....	.....
....	" Swedish	No report.								
1890	San Pablo	Mable Johnson	7	35	25	....	20	.....	.....	.....
1857	Sonora	Miss S Elsbree	10	40	25	....	11	5 40	.....	.....
1853	Stockton 1st.	Mrs W Q Dodge	13	231	71	....	30	.....	.....	5 00
....	" 2d	No report.								
....	Waterford	No report.								
	Total	.....	251	2767	1792	73	$1583	$104 00	$50 00	$61 00
	Grand Total	.....	732	6411	4403	153	3351	151 00	62 00	80 00

AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION—

			i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii
1891	Auburn	A L Sanger	6	25	25	2	12	.....	.....	.....
....	Ch. Valley	No report.								
....	Oak Park	No report.								
....	Penryn	No report.								
....	Reno, Nevada.	No report.								
1869	Sacramento									
	" Calvary	G O Hayford	15	175	100	4	93	.....	.....	.....
1889	" Emmn'l	A J Sturtevant	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	Towles	No report.								
....	Wadsworth	No report.								
1882	Wheatland	G W Monson	9	36	25	1	24	.....	.....	.....
	Total	.....	30	236	150	7	129	.....	.....	.....

and Young People's Societies.

July 31st, 1897.

					YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS.					
ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
Publication Society.	Total.	Name of Society.	PRESIDENTS.	Members.	Home Expense.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions	Home Mission.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions
$ 12 16	$ 35 66	B. U.	Florence Cox...	30	$ 4 75	$ 30 00	$ 5	....	.....	$35 00
.....	.....	C. E.	Miss Barden	23	40 00	.....	....	..	$46 35	46 35
3 50	10 15	C. E.	Florence B Ulch	30	7 45	5 00	5	....	4 00	21 45
6 32	108 32	B. U.	Hattie Bromley.	30	5 00	5 00	5	....	.....	15 00
12 00	33 07	C. E.	R B Gailord.....	120	14 80	13 50	16	$10	222 00	261 50
.....	64 90	C. E.	K M Hayden....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8 00	8 00	B. U.	S F Lingford....	59	66 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 00
.....	.....	B. U.	Sadie Townsend	15	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 20	2 20
.....	3 70	B. U.	G Espeland.....	23	49 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	K. A.	J T Norrby.....	36	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	85 05	C. E.	J A Wiles.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	10 00	C. E.	W M Dimmick..	50	.....	4 00	5	....	.....	9 00
.....	12 17	C. E.	John Sempey...	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	60 00
.....	18 25	C. E.	Mrs C Morton...	33	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	B. U.	J Fitz Boehm...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Y. M. C. A.	Lien Yuen.....	68	78 00	.....	.....	.....	5 90	5 90
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	C. E.	Adolph Klose...	.....	82 00	.....	..	....	.....	.....
.....	5 40	B. U.	Mrs A O Divoll..	12	20 20	2 30	.....	.....	.....	2 30
.....	5 00	B. U.	Mrs G Allen.....	39	54 50	.....	5	....	. ....	5 00
$ 42 00	$500 00	.....	.....	693	$ 357 00	$117 00	$11	$10	$340 00	$ 579
106 00	632 00	.....	.....	1408	1026 00	182 00	64	274	463 00	1651

ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
.....	.....	C. E.	E E Shelby.....	$18	$3 00	$0 00	....	$9	.....	$18 00
.....	8 50	.....	Miss Sadi Beede	30	30 00	2 50	....	...	.....	2 50
.....	.....	B. U.	A V Beesley.....	25	191 00	5 00	$5	.. .	$4 68	14 68
.....	.....	B. U.	J W Denton.....	24	.....	.....	...	....	.....	.....
.....	$8 00	.....	.....	$97	$224 00	$16 00	$5	$9	$4 00	$35 00

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION—

			i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii
....	Caspar									
....	Fort Bragg									
....	Hollow Tree									
....	Kibesillah									
....	Kelseyville									
1874	Long Valley	J J Murphy	$ 7	$ 55	35	....	$ 25 00			
....	Mendocino	Mrs M B Huff	7	45	40	....	30 00			
....	Potter Valley									
....	Ukiah									
....	Upper Lake									
....	Usal									
1885	Willetts		9	60	40	....	25 00			
....	Westport									
....	Eureka									
....	Point Arena									
....	Lake Port									
1895	Round Valley	Bucknell	9	70	50	1	20 00			
	Total		$ 33	$230	$165	$ 1	$ 100 00			

PACIFIC BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—

			i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii
1894	Cinobria	Miss Shaw	$ 3	$ 23	$ 16	....	$ 6 00			
1856	Dixon	Ida Garnett	10	70	60					
....	Healdsburg		12	114	65					
1890	Middletown	B J Dearborn	6	65	40	....	20 00	$ 1 86		
..	Napa	W Twyman	8	60	50	8				
1887	Petaluma	J W Barrows	9	50	38	....	25 00	1 50		$ 1 50
1851	Sac., First	Frank A Muller	22	140	120	4	100 00			
....	" Mt. Zion									
1857	Santa Rosa	M Monsen	13	125	90	....	50 00			
1875	St. Helena	Peter Mitchell	9	33	25	....	30 00			
....	Vacaville	Mrs H C Blake	5	25	20	3	15 00			
1870	Vallejo	Thos Mathews	13	90	70	1	88 28			5 00
1894	Winters	J Downie	4	30	18					
....	Woodland									
	Total		$114	$82	3522	$ 16	$ 334 00	$ 3 00		$ 6 50

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION.

			i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii
....	Armonia	No report.								
....	Bakersfield	F W Brandin	$ 4	$ 30	27	...	20 00			
....	Carothers	No report								
....	Clovis	B K Smith	4	60	50	....	10 00			
....	Delano	No report.								
....	Dinuba	No report.								
....	Exeter	E S Balaam	6	46	40	....	35 00			
....	Fresno	Mrs J Eastwood	17	175	125	1	100 00	$ 13 11		
...	" Armeni'n	Rev Malcoman			40					
....	Hanford	Mrs S Knowlton	5	70	60	....	25 00			
....	Lemoore	M Howell	5	50	35	....	10 00			
....	Lindsay	No report.								
1891	Madera	W J Clark	7	70	55	9	35 00	8 68		$ 7 75
....	Malaga	Hattie Bagley								
....	Merced	Mrs E L Moor	....	28	....	....	6 00			
....	Orosi	J W Hingley	4	44	30	....	30 00			
....	Pollasky	E S Russell	3	25	15	..	10 00			
....	Reidley	S D England	6	45	30	....	30 00			
....	Sanger	No report								
1885	Selma	Joel H Smith	9	80	48	6	27 50			
....	Tulare	Dr A M Field	10	77	50	1	26 14			
....	Woodville	Kittie Besse	....	57	42	....				
....	Wheatville	No report								
	Total		$ 80	$857	$647	$ 17	365 00	$ 22 00		$7 25

ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
$ 3 05		C. E.	Mrs L Bucknell.	$16						
$ 3 05				$16						

ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
$ 4 50	$ 4 50	B. U.	Beatrice Rocca.	$ 6		$ 60				
		B. U.	F A Hutton	40						
		B. U.	Miss Wright	24						
2 60	4 46	B. U.	Silas Stark			1 20				
	3 00	B. U.	S A Winsor	25			$ 1			
		B. U.	H Reise	24						
		B. U.	Bill Stargel	72	$ 241 00	15 00		248		$ 263 00
		C. E.								
		C. E.	W C Dawson	21	60 20			1	$60 20	61 70
		C. E.	Ralph Lancaster	30						
2 50	7 50	B U.	J F Waterhouse.	8	20 00		5			5 00
		C. E.	Miss Rust	13						
$ 9 00	$ 20 00			$263	$ 322 00	$ 16 00	$ 6	250	$60 00	$ 330 00

ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
$ 13 15	$ 26 26	B. U.	J E Archer						$42 00	$42 00
8 40	24 83	B. U.	Cora E Keeler	$ 36	$12 00	$6 05		5	4 50	15 55
4 75	4 75	B. U.	Mary Christensn	30						
		B U.	Chas Carpenter.	16						
$ 28 00	$ 56 00			$ 82	$12 00	$6 00		$ 5	$46 00	$58 00

SACRAMENTO RIVER ASSOCIATION—

			i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii
....	Anderson.....	L P Himes.....	15	65	50	....	$25 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Arbuckle.....	Wm Pretman....	7	50	35	....	14 00	.....	.....	.....
1876	Biggs.....	Emma Sparks...	7	30	27	2	14 35	.....	.....	.....
....	Battle Creek..	No report.								
....	Chico.....	No report.								
....	Cohassett.....	Mrs T J Polk....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
....	Corning.....	A A Stearns.....	13	54	40	....	20 00	.....	.....	.....
1895	Cottonwood....	Alex Moore.....	4	45	25	5	10 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Inwood.....	No report.								
....	Grand Island..	Mrs E B Varm ..	7	30	25	....	13 80	.....	.....	.....
....	Maxwell.....	J F Durham.....	8	48	24	8	20 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Meredian.....	No report.								
....	Mt. Lassen....	No report.								
....	Mt. Hope.....	No report.								
...	Millville	Miss Stevenson..	6	40	35	9	10 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Mill Creek	No report.								
....	Orland	F S Reager.....	6	60	30	....	25 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Ono	No report.								
....	Redding.....	Mrs J F Lyons..	6	78	44	....	40 17	.....	.....	.....
....	Red Bluff.....	Chas Miles	5	35	30	....	17 50	.....	.....	.....
1897	Round Mt. ...	Mrs Phillips ...	7	32	39	4	5 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Williams.....	No report.								
1882	Willows.....	W R Duncan....	14	73	56	3	150 00	.....	.....	.....
	Total	.....	95	640	470	31	$365 00	.....	.....	

SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—

			i	ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii
1893	Aptos.....	r Johnson.....	6	30	20	4	$18 00	$ 3 90	.....	.....
1975	Gonzales.....	J Boekenoogen.	9	80	65	...	50 00	.....	$8 00	.....
...	Hollister.....	No report.								
1894	†Imusdale	N W Fales.	4	22	18	....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Kings City	No report.								
1884	†Los Gatos	C Wheeler.....	17	142	80	....	50 00	.....	.....	.....
1894	Morgan Hill..	E Swope.....	8	42	35	2	40 00	2 77	.....	.....
1889	Mt.View Mem.	M H Stevens....	6	28	20	2	20 00	.....	.....	.....
1887	Pleyto, Shiloh.	A B Ford.....	4	2	15	2	4 50	.....	.....	.....
...	†Pisinas.	No report.								
....	Salinas, 1st....	W M Pence.....	8	72	55	....	50 00	4 90	.....	$6 00
1850	San Jose, 1st..	Frank H Smith.	16	144	137	14	98 76	10 00	4 45	.....
1885	" Emman'l	Z L Orcutt	11	95	58	....	55 00	.....	.....	.....
1895	San Lucas 1st .	Jno Whitam	7	20	12	....	20 00	.....	.....	.....
....	Santa Clara 1st	M Reynolds.....	12	54	31	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	Santa Cruz, 1st	Geo Otto	22	134	97	3	120 00	.....	.....	.....
....	" 2d	No report.								
....	Watsonville...	No report.								
1893	†Wrights.....	H T Hite.....	....	....	14	....	4 00	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	....	129	890	657	23	$535 00	$22 00	$12 00	$6 00

†From last year's report.

ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
		B, U,	W Haskell	40						
		C. E.	Everett Morrow	35						
			J F Durham	40						
		C. E.	D T Shearin	25	$10 00					
	$10 00	B. U.	Geo Sheriden	37						
		B. U.	J W Waters	15						
		B. U.	Geo E Dye	20		$7 00				$7 00
	$10 00			212	$10 00	$7 00				$7 00

ix	x	xi		xii	xiii	xiv	xv	xvi	xvii	xviii
	$ 7 10	C. E.	F Johnson	$ 14					$ 5 40	$ 5 40
	8 00		S W Mack	26	$28 00	$7 30			7 00	14 30
$ 3 25	6 02	C. E.	H L Kemp	13	17 70					
		C. E.	E J Keummet	12						
2 70	13 60	B. U.	Gertie Johnson	25		10 00				15 08
14 30	38 25	B. U.	Frank H Smith	88	42 70	10 08	5			
6 00		C. E.	E H Hayden					7	1 00	8 50
$ 24 00	$ 73 00			$178	$ 88 00	$ 27 00	$12		$13 00	$ 43 00

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TWIN LAKET, SANTA CRUZ,

Thursday, August 19th, 1897.

9:30 A. M.—In the absence of the President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, the meeting was called to order by the First Vice President, Mrs. Latourette, who began the service with prayer.

Mrs. M. M. Stephens was appointed Secretary *pro tem*, and the following committees were appointed by the President:

Committee on Enrollment—Mrs. F. Moody, Mrs. S. C. Keetch.

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. J. F. Lyons, Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Mrs. Geo. E. Dye, Mrs. Chas. Richardson, Mrs. M E. Wilson.

The report of the Recording Secretary was read and adopted. This report called attention to the facts: That the Board had held eleven meetings during the year; that Dr. Woods, Superintendent of Home Missions, was present at one of these meetings; and that Rev. W. H, Latourette had attended a number of meetings.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Bush. then read her report, which was adopted.

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

As we have gathered for a look backward over the work of the past year, our interest centers about five consecrated, self-sacrificing men, the Missionary Pastors. Rev. Wm. McCart, at Round Mountain, Millville and Mill Creek, we aided to the extent of $125; Rev. F. S. Lawrence, at San Jose, at San Jose Emmanuel, Mountain View and Palo Alto, $200; Rev. N. C. Hansen, at Middletown, $50; Rev. N. Tychsen, at East Oakland, working among the Danes and Norwegians, $200; Rev. J. M. Helsley, at Gonzales, $100. We also aided the work at Lindsay and out-stations to the extent of $100.

Our funds were raised by the same system as used heretofore, all Circles being apportioned, and to all Churches where there were no Circles, Lay-By envelopes were sent to the women with the request that they give what they could and send the envelopes to our Treasurer. Three hundred and eighty-nine envelopes were circulated through the Churches, but two were returned to the Treasurer.

At the Annual Meeting of last year it was decided to raise $1000 for State work. It was hoped that our offerings would reach this amount, but owing to the efforts put forth by all to help in the paying of the national debts, we are not disappointed at this time that the amount in the Treasury does not reach the $1000 mark.

Our Missionary Pastors were requested from time to time to write to us, telling all of interest concerning their work. Many copies of these letters were made and sent to all the Circles. This plan proved very satisfactory, as it kept the Circles in touch with the work done on the different fields, and with the example of these self-sacrificing Missionaries and their wives before them, they were inspired with greater zeal.

The purchase of a duplicator by the Society greatly facilitated the work of the Secretary. The various departments of our work have been faithfully cared for, as reports will show. The Bureau of Intelligence was placed in the care of the Corresponding Secretary, who was not able to give it the attention it merited. Through one who could devote to it time and attention, it could be made the means of a great good to the Circles.

Frequent calls for studies, stories and information on various Missionary topics have been called for and supplied.

Our Associational Secretaries have done excellent work this last year. They seem to realize that much of the success of the work in our State depends upon their patient, faithful labor.

Mrs. S. C. Lillis, of Central Association, says: "One of the twenty-six Churches in this Association works through the German Society and three through the Chicago Board. Ten others have no Circle. Only four of the ten, Auburn, Ceres, Penryn and Stockton

Second, have in any way responded to our communications during the year. Three of these Churches replied to the apportionment letter, expressing interest in our work, but giving no hope that the amount would be raised.

"Some of the Circles, after making their best efforts, were not able to contribute all they were apportioned; others met theirs and a few have contributed more than they were asked to.

"Alameda Circle was asked for $35 and contributed $38, and reports that the 'Do-Without' fund has been found an excellent way to swell their subscriptions to Missions. Oakland First Church was apportioned $100; they have contributed $140. Nine Life Members have been added to their list and their Secretary writes that the year has been full of blessings to them spiritually. The Circle of the Danish-Norwegian Church was apportioned $5; it has sent our Treasurer $9, and reports that there is a strong Missionary spirit prevailing in their circles; many besides the members attend the meetings I am very glad to report that the ladies of the San Francisco Emmanuel Church have reorganized their Circle.

"I have tried to be prompt and faithful in this work, but in looking back over the year, I can see many ways in which I might have done better."

Mrs. G. A. Young is our Associational Secretary for Clear Lake Association. She has become quite discouraged over the work in her Association—has but one Circle to report this year.

Mrs. J. M. Helsley, Secretary for South Central Association, reports that she has eight Circles in her Association. Hopes were entertained that a new Circle at Kings City would be organized, but this has not been accomplished as yet. The greatest drawback in her work, she finds, is that she fails to receive replies to the communications sent out.

This is the source of discouragement that Miss Pratt finds also, our Associational Secretary of Pacific Association. The work is new to her, and she has not become accustomed to the lack of interest in Missions.

Miss Fannie Huntsman sends a very good report of San Joaquin Valley Association, showing that she has done what she could, faithfully. She mentions the fact that the letters from the Missionary Pastors were appreciated. It was requested that these letters be read at the Associational meeting. Especial interest was taken in the work of Rev. Mr. Lawrence. Miss Huntsman says: "There seems to be encouragement, financially, for another year, so we may look for an increase."

Mrs. Lyons, of Sacramento River Association, sends in a glowing report of the work from that field. She had been under a cloud of discouragement during the year, and says: "As I look back I can see

that nearly the whole year I have been living on 'Grumble Street,' but my Heavenly Father has forgiven me, has taken me tenderly in His arms and lifted me onto 'Thanksgiving Street,' and with His help I intend to live here the rest of my life. While I was grieving because I could not have my own way, God was increasing the Missionary spirit all through my Association. There are earnest inquiries from different Churches, the willingness to do more is growing, and as a result the money donated by our Association exceeds any amount previously sent. It sums up to $101.35, an increase over last year of $29.65, and $1.35 more than was apportioned us. Thank God for his blessings to us.

"All but three Circles in the Association have given something. Three of the Circles that were organized during the year have disbanded, owing to the absence of good leaders. Efforts were made to organize a Circle at Plateau. This has not been accomplished yet, but it is expected that it will be in the near future.

"My sister will teach in Ono this winter and will organize a Circle there. Being a good leader, and having organized the Circle at Round Mountain, which is our 'Banner Circle,' every woman of the Church being a member, she will doubtless do a good work."

Mrs. Lyons refers to the visit of our President, Mrs. Davis, to the Association held at Red Bluff, as being an inspiration to the Circle of that place. They were the first to report this year and sent in their full apportionment.

Our President has made, during the year, several visits to the different Associations besides the one at Red Bluff, the South Central Association meeting at Gonzales, and the Pacific Association at Petaluma. Visits to various Circles have also been made. In all she has found hopeful features, deep consecration pervading every meeting, and a desire to work for the glory of the King.

Let us not feel satisfied, dear Sisters, to pass from year to year with simply raising our apportionments. Let us not feel that we accomplished what we could or made progress unless we have awakened an interest in some heart for this great work, and the attempt made to organize at least one new Circle in each Association.

Your Secretary has written during the year 254 letters and postal cards, has sent out 389 Lay-By Envelopes, 200 printed letters to Circles stating work for the year, 115 copies of Missionary Pastors' letters. Have received 134 letters and postal cards. Have sent to the *Pacific Baptist* for publication, the proceedings of your Board meetings; also there has appeared, from time to time, of whatever there was of interest concerning our work, including the letters from the Missionary Pastors. The publishing of all this has been of great benefit and help to

our Society, and we extend thanks to the management of that paper for the free use of their columns.

We have much to feel grateful for and encourage us. Wherever there has been progress let us rejoice, giving God the glory. Whatever of failure there has been, let us be benefited by it and press forward to a faithful, hopeful future, with a firm trust in our God, who will keep us as in the hollow of His hand.

STATISTICS.

	Circles.	Members.	Contributions.
Sacramento River Association.....	8	132	$103 50
Clear Lake Association.....	1	20	6 00
South Central Association.....	7	98	64 55
Pacific Association.....	3	70	55 50
San Joaquin Valley Associatien.....	3	12	5 00
Central Association.....	26	218	388 50
			$567 55
			55 50
			$623 05

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. BUSH,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer then made the following encouraging report which was adopted.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE Woman's Baptist State Mission Society OF CALIFORNIA.

From June 30, 1896, to August 12, 1897.

MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1896	$149 92
San Francisco, First	49 00
(Of which $10 is to make Mrs. Mary Gardner a life member, and $3 is contributed by the Juniors to Rev. J. H. Hargreaves.)	
San Francisco, Emmanuel	10 00
" Hamilton Square	15 00
" Chinese	2 00
Oakland, First	145 00
(Of which $50 is from Mrs. Cogswell and $50 from Mrs. E. Higgins, to make following life members: Mrs. M. E. Wilson, Mrs. E. K. Warner, Mrs. J. Mason, Mrs. B. Jennings, Mrs. M. J. Eddy, Mrs. A. R. Cogswell, Mrs. Van Buskirk, Mrs. J. Caldwell.	
Oakland, Tenth Avenue	58 25
(Of which $10 makes Mrs. A. M. Hills a life member and $10 makes Mrs. G. M. Perkins a life member)	
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	15 10
" Dano-Norwegian	9 00
St. Helena	6 10
Stockton, First	24 25
Santa Cruz, First	20 25
Santa Rosa	5 00
Fresno	52 20
	$561 07

Brought forward	$561 07
(Of which $30 given by Mr. Wm. Harvey makes Mrs. Wm. Harvey, Miss Alice Harvey and Miss Constance Harvey life members, and $20 given by the Circle makes Mrs A. C. Storer and Mrs. L. Dodge life members.)	
Biggs	2 35
Morgan Hill	6 00
Chico	2 34
Alameda	39 10
(Of which Mrs. J. F. Moody gives $10 to make herself a life member, and the Circle gives $10 to make Mrs. Sarah E. White a life member.)	
Vallejo	12 55
Maxwell	3 00
Round Mountain	19 55
(Of which $10 is given by Mrs. A. E. Phillips to make herself a life member.	
Redding	14 70
San Jose, First	7 00
" " Emmanuel	8 80
Ukiah	6 00
Anderson	10 00
(From Mrs. L. P. Hines, to make herself a life member.)	
Gonzales	8 00
Berkeley	17 00
($10 from Mrs. M. G. Haight to make Mrs. W. F. Binney a life member.)	
Golden Gate	10 00
Sacramento, First	21 00
" Calvary	11 00
" Emmanuel	5 00
Santa Clara	1 70
Los Gatos	5 30
Red Bluff	10 00
Sanger	5 00
Willows	32 50
Woodville	1 00
	$820 46

Brought Forward	$820 46	
Wrights	60	
Madera	3 00	
Imusdale	9 00	
Winters	2 00	
Dixon	30 00	
Tulare	2 75	
San Joaquin Association	1 50	
Mrs B. Jacques, special donation	1 00	
Transferred from the Chinese Kindergarten	1 10	
		$872 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. F. Baker, Treasurer General Baptist Convention	$746 66	
Transferred to Chinese Kindergarten	1 10	
Error entering amount of Alameda Church, June 30, 1895	5 00	
Paid Rev. J. H. Hargreaves	3 00	
		$755 76
Balance in Treasury August 12, 1897		116 46

CHINESE KINDERGARTEN.

RECEIPTS.

Chico Sunday School	$ 2 65	
Hamilton Square, Sen-Sin Circle (To make Miss Alice Walker a life member)	10 00	
Oakland, First, Willing Workers (Of which $10 is to make Miss Mabel Parker a life member.)	11 65	
Oakland, First, Primary Class	2 22	
Quarterly Collection, Chinese Church, San Francisco	8 85	
Sacramento, Emmanuel, Juniors	7 85	
Berkeley, Junior Endeavorers	1 10	
Alameda	25	
St. Helena, Ivy Leaf Mission Band	4 40	
Redding, Sunday School	2 87	
		$ 51 74
Paid to Miss A. Florence Ford		51 74

EXPENSE ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1896	$ 16 38	
Collections, Central Convention	7 05	
Collections, Sacramento River Association	5 60	
Collections, Central Association	6 25	
Collections, South Central Association	5 00	
Collections, Pacific Association	2 05	
Collections, San Joaquin Valley Association	1 70	
Collections, Quarterly Meetings	7 55	
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	2 90	
Oakland, Tenth Avenue	1 75	
Refunded by Mrs. J. D. Bush acc't	2 00	
		$59 23
Hektograph		

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, expense Sacramento River Association	$ 6 60	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, expense South Central Association	4 40	
Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, expense Pacific Association	2 10	
Miss M. A. Ham, postage	3 50	
Mrs. J. D. Bush, postage and printing	14 75	
Mrs, J. D. Bush, letter file	1 15	
Mrs. J. D. Bush, hektograph	6 00	
Mrs. Egli, postage	1 10	
Mrs. G. A. Young, postage	60	
Mrs. E. F. Joy, postage	2 20	
Mrs. J. M. Helsley, postage	1 14	
Carruth & Carruth, printing	7 75	
P. O. order for same	10	
Payot, Upham & Co., receipt book	20	
Dagan, Receipt book	15	
		$ 51 74
Balance on hand August 12, 1897		7 49

CASH ACCOUNT

RECFIPTS.

Balance in Treasury June 30, 1896	$166 30	
September 30, 1896	43 25	

October 31, 1896	47 20	
November 30, 1896	38 30	
December 31, 1896	95 35	
January 31, 1897	19 20	
February 28, 1897	18 00	
March 31, 1897	227 75	
April 30, 1897	24 20	
May 31, 1897	31 05	
June 30, 1897	95 65	
July 31, 1897	49 70	
August 12, 1897	137 24	
		$993 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

September 30, 1896	137 00	
October 31, 1896	36 00	
November 30, 1896	67 95	
December 31, 1896	92 55	
January 31, 1897	25 05	
February 28, 1897	3 50	
March 31, 1897	243 20	
April 30, 1897	7 10	
May 31, 1897	23 90	
June 30, 1897	107 05	
July 31, 1897	57 00	
August 12, 1897	68 94	
		$869 24
Balance in Treasury August 12, 1897		123 95

TRIAL BALANCE.

	DR.	CR.
Cash Account	$123 95	
Missionary Fund		$116 46
Expense Fund		7 49
	$123 95	$123 95

Compared with vouchers and found correct.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
Auditor.

RECAPITULATION.

Showing the total amount contributed by each Church, and for which fund:

	DR.	CR.
San Francisco, First—		
Missionary Fund		$ 49 00

San Francisco, Hamilton Square—		
Missionary Fund	$ 25 00	
Chinese Kindergarten	10 00	35 00
San Francisco, Emmanuel		10 00
San Francisco, Chinese		2 00
Oakland, First—		
Missionary Fund	145 00	
Chinese Kindergarten	13 87	158 87
Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue—		
Missionary Fund	15 10	
Expense Account	2 90	18 00
Oakland, Tenth Avenue—		
Missionary Fund	58 25	
Expense Account	1 75	60 00
Oakland Dano-Norwegian		9 00
St. Helena—		
Missionary Fund	6 10	
Chinese Kindergarten	4 40	10 50
Stockton, Missionary Fund		24 25
Santa Cruz, Missionary Fund		20 25
Fresno, Missionary Fund		52 50
Biggs, Missionary Fund		2 35
Morgan Hill, Missionary Fund		6 00
Chico—		
Missionary Fund	3 35	
Chinese Kindergarten	2 65	6 00
Alameda—		
Missionary Fund	39 10	
Chinese Kindergarten	25	39 35
Vallejo, Missionary Fund		12 55
Maxwell, Missionary Fund		3 00
Round Mountain, Missionary Fund		19 55
Redding—		
Missionary Fund	14 70	
Chinese Kindergarten	2 87	19 57
San Jose, First, Missionary Fund		7 00
San Jose, Emmanuel, Missionary Fund		8 80
Ukiah		6 00
Gonzales		8 00
Berkeley—		
Missionary Fund	17 00	
Chinese Kindergarten	1 00	18 00
Golden Gate, Missionary Fund		10 00
Sacramento, First, Missionary Fund		21 00

Sacramento, Calvary, Missionary Fund		11 00
Sacramento, Emmanuel—		
Missionary Fund	5 00	
Chinese Kindergarten	7 85	12 85
Santa Clara, Missionary Fund		1 70
Los Gatos, Missionary Fund		5 30
Red Bluff, Missionary Fund		10 00
Sanger, Missionary Fund		5 00
Willows, Missionary Fund		32 50
Woodville, Missionary Fund		1 00
Wrights, Missionary Fund		60
Madera, Missionary Fund		3 00
Imusdale, Missionary Fund		9 00
Winters, Missionary Fund		2 00
Dixon, Missionary Fund		30 00
Tulare, Missionary Fund		2 75
Santa Rosa, Missionary Fund		5 00
		776 25

LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss M. Bamford,
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Mrs. C. F. Baker,
Miss Ella Berger,
Mrs. M. P. Boynton,
Mrs. E. M. Chapman,
Mrs. Dorcas Clark,
Mrs. F. C. Caton,
Mrs. Sarah Coleman,
Mrs. L. Dodge,
Mrs. J. C. Fielding,
Mrs. H. Garthwaite,
Mrs. Mary A. Gilchrist,
Mrs. C. H. Hobart,
Mrs. Elisha Higgins,
Mrs. L. P. Himes,
Miss Alice Harvey,
Mrs. Mary A. Hills,
Mrs. J. F. Lyons,
Mrs. Wm. Meeks,
Mrs. H. H. Mitchell,
Mrs. M. A. Pine,
Mrs. Mabel Parker,
Mrs. W. H. Barnes,
Miss Ella Bradway,
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Mrs. C. S. Capp,
Mrs. Ella Clinton,
Mrs. L. M Cheshire,
Mrs. W. D. Douglas,
Mrs. I. S. Eschleman,
Mrs. E. H. Gray,
Mrs. J. H. Garnett,
Miss M. A. Ham,
Mrs. E. B. Hemkins,
Miss C. P. Hall,
Mrs. Wm. Harvey,
Miss Constance Harvey,
Mrs. Fannie Lotimer,
Mrs. O. J. McKinnon,
Mrs. Ellen Mason,
Mrs. J. F. Moody,
Mrs. C. W. Perkins,
Mrs. E. A. Phillips,

Mrs. L. A. Remington,
Mrs. G. Rieman,
Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant,
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Miss Maggie Reynolds,
Miss M. A. Stratton,
Mrs. John Stephens,
Mrs. O. M. Vesper,
Mrs. O. K. Wright,
Mrs. Sarah E. White,
Mrs. Mary Gardner.

Mrs. W. C. Spencer.

The report of the Superintendent of the Distribution of Literature was read and adopted.

The report of Miss Ida Egli, Superintendent of Kindergartens and Bands showed the number of letters written 55, number of Kindergartens visited 5, money contributed by Bands, Juniors, Sunday Schools, $51.74.

Report adopted.

A song, "Hold Up the Cross," was next sung by fifteen little girls, conducted by Mrs. Hayden.

We next listened to a talk on "Chinese Work" by Miss Florence Ford.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We regret to record the death of—

Mrs. Phœbe C. Haley, Alameda Circle.

Mrs. Sarah P. Stewart, Santa Cruz Circle.

Mrs. Alice King and Miss E. A. Reynolds, San Francisco Circle.

Mrs. King, First Church, Oakland Circle.

Miss Minnie Ham, Circle, Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland.

Mrs. Lavina Harper, Hamilton Square Circle, San Francisco.

Attention was then called by Mrs. Latourette to the proposed change in Article two of the Constitution, as suggested a year ago. Article as recommended to read as follows:

The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions by cultivating a missionary spirit in our homes and Churches, and by collecting funds to aid in the evangelization of our own State in co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California. Also to aid our Home Mission Society in winning North America for Christ.

Upon motion the amendment was laid upon the table.

Mrs. J. Sunderland made the following motion which was carried:

Moved that a committee of five be appointed to consider the question of this Society becoming auxilary to the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society with headquarters in Chicago, or the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and to ascertain upon what conditions such auxiliary relations can be formed, and to make full report with recommendations to the next annual meeting of this Society.

By nominations the following were appointed the committee:

Mrs. J. Sunderland, Mrs. A. B. Banks, Mrs. J. D. Bush, Mrs. W. H. Latourette and Mrs. T. H. Stephens.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

For President—Mrs. J. Sunderland.

First Vice President—Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

Second Vice President—Mrs. A. B. Banks.

Third Vice President—Mrs. John S. Eastwood.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Laura Baker.

Recording Secretary—Miss Ida Spencer.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Joy.

Auditor—Mr. B. C. Wright.

The Secretary was then instructed to cast the ballot for these names and they were declared duly elected.

Short addresses were then made by Mrs. Helsley, Mrs. J. F. Lyon and Miss Luffdier.

Adjourned by song and prayer.

7:30 P. M.—Meeting called to order by Mrs. Latourette, who in a few words welcomed the new President, Mrs. J. Sunderland, and invited her to take the Chair.

Meeting led in prayer by Rev. I. D. Wood.

The report of Miss Ham, Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies, showed that fifteen Churches had sent out boxes and barrels, at a total value of $765.26.

Report adopted.

An original story, entitled "The Two Missionary Barrels," was read by Mrs. C. E. Bamford.

After remarks of commendation a motion was made that the story be published in the *Pacific Baptist*, and also in tract form.

A song by the children was next sung.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, That we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the Missionary spirit in the increased receipts during the year passed.. We rejoice that the debt which has hung over the parent Society like a dark cloud has been removed.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude by renewed devotion to the cause of Home Missions, and a larger giving for the year to come.

Resolved, That we recommend the sum of $1200 to be the amount strive to raise the coming year.

Resolved, That it is with sorrow that we are called upon to accept the resignation of Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, who has for eleven years faithfully served our Society as its honored President. That we extend to her our hearty thanks and assure her of our deep appreciation of her work, and that our prayers shall follow her in any work in which she may engage.

Resolved, That we also express to Mrs. J. D. Bush, our retiring Corresponding Secretary, our gratitude for her faithful discharge of every duty of this important and laborious office.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the *Pacific Baptist* for the free use of its columns, and we recommend it as a disseminator of Missionary intelligence. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. B. BANKS,
MRS. S. FEATHERSTONE,
MRS. HELSLEY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The work for the year was presented by Mrs. W. H. Latourette.

An offering amounting to $12.47 was received.

Mrs. J. F. Lyons, of Redding, delivered an address upon "The Missionary Spirit," which was heartily received.

The following Missionaries then gave soul-stirring accounts of the work on their respective fields: Rev. N. Tychsen, Rev. M. McCart and Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

Mr. Dixon, a student of Stanford University, made a few remarks about the work at Palo Alto, from a student's point of view.

The Enrollment Committee reported eighteen Church, represented by fifty-two delegates, and forty visitors.

MRS. F. MOODY,
MRS. S. C. KEETCH,
Committee.

Report accepted.

Adjourned with prayer by D. P. Ward.

Mrs. M. M. STEPHENS, *Secretary pro tem.*

Seven Deaths in Women's Mission Circle.

MINNIE HAM, Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland,

MRS. ALICE KING, First Church, San Francisco.

MRS. E. A. REYNOLDS, First Church, San Francisco.

MRS. SARAH STEWART, San Francisco.

MRS. KING, Oakland, First.

MRS. PHŒBE C. HALEY, Alameda.

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Twenty-Eight Missionaries Supported in Whole or in Part During the Year.

The receipts for all purposes during the year were nearly seven thousand five hundred dollars. We need for the year to come $12,000, of which $5,500 must be raised on the field.

The active co-operation of every Baptist is asked for this fundamental work. Our Savior spent his whole life "preaching in every city and village" in his own nation. We claim to be His followers, therefore, every neighborhood must hear the truth from our own lips or those sent by us. God is greatly blessing the work and the workers. Hearts are being opened, and the Lord's people are beginning to see that every interest demands the strengthening of all our weak Churches, and the planting of new ones in destitute places. No other work of Christ has a greater claim upon Baptist sympathy, prayers and contributions. Every Church, every Sunday School and every Young People's Society, every Woman's Missionary Society and every individual ought to contribute liberally to the support of our Missionaries.

HARVEST HOME DAY

First Sunday in October each year—don't forget nor neglect to observe it. Send to the undersigned for supplies, which are sent free,

TRUST FUNDS.

If you have means from which you need the income during your life, you can give them to the Convention and receive a fair interest as long as you live. The money at your death to go to the work of the Convention. You can thus live in the forces you have set in motion for planting Churches of Jesus Christ and preaching the Gospel through missionaries supported by your money. Write to the undersigned at once for particulars.

YOUR WILL.

Remember this, YOUR MISSIONARY SOCIETY, in your Will.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I give and bequeath to THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA the sum of .....for the general purposes of said Convention."

For further information, leaflets or lay-by envelopes, address

W. H. LATOURETTE, COR. SEC. PRO TEM.
OAKLAND, CAL.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

This body shall be called the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California.

ARTICLE II

FIELD

The field of the Convention shall be all that portion of the State of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo counties, and the State of Nevada.

ARTICLE III

OBJECT

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the establishment and maintenance of Baptist Churches, Sunday Schools, missions at home and abroad, and denominational education, fellowship and growth.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

This Convention shall be composed as follows:

1. Of Life Members. Any member of a regular Baptist church within the bounds of this Convention may become a life member by the payment of $25 within one Convention year, or by the payment of such sum within a period of five years.

2. Of Delegates from Regular Baptist Churches as follows: Each church contributing to its funds within the current Convention year shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members.

3. Of Delegates from Baptist Associations; each co-operating Association being entitled to send one delegate, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members.

4. Of Heads of Baptist Institutions of Learning and Official Representatives of Denominational Societies residing within the bounds of the Convention, including one person each from the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California and from the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society of California.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

The officers of the Convention shall be a President, one Vice President from each co-operating Association, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and eleven Directors, who shall be elected annually, by ballot, and

who shall be the Board of Managers. Each co-operating Association may nominate its own Vice President. No missionary of the Convention shall be a Director or officer.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside at the meetings of the Convention and Board.

Each Vice President shall be a committee to co-operate with the Convention in his own Association.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Convention and Board, and keep a record of the proceedings of the Board.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention, take the necessary steps to secure statistics of the churches each year, and, with the co-operation of the Corresponding Secretary, publish the Annual, giving a full report of the work of the Convention, and the statistics of the denomination within its bounds.

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Convention, and disburse the same only upon the order of the Board, hold his accounts open for inspection always, make reports to the Board quarterly, and a full report to the Convention annually. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall, at the discretion of the Board, give bonds, with sufficient securities, for the faithful discharge of the same.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1. The Board of Managers (seven of whom shall constitute a quorum) shall hold all property of the Convention, carry out its plans for co-operation with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Publication Society in support of missionaries and colporteurs, transact all business committed to it by the Convention, and make a full written report at each annual meeting.

SEC. 2. They shall meet not later than the day of adjournment of the Convention, and thereafter quarterly. Special meetings may be called by the President at the request of five members.

SEC. 3. They shall have full power to fill vacancies in their number.

SEC. 4. They shall appoint from their own number, at their first meeting each year, an Executive Committee of five members who shall be located with reference to facility of meeting together, to whom the Board may commit all business, *ad interim*, and who shall report to the Board quarterly.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The following committees for the session shall be appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of five persons each, except the last named com-

mittee, which shall be nominated from the floor and consist of one person from each co-operating Association, namely:

1. On Arrangements for the Present Session.
2. On Place and Appointment for the Next Annual Meeting.
3. On Important Subjects in the Report of the Board.
4. On Enrollment.
5. On Resolutions.
6. On Sunday Schools.
7. On Religious Literature.
8. On Obituaries.
9. On Nominations for Officers and Directors.

SEC. 2. The following standing committees of five persons each shall be appointed by the Convention each year, whose duty it shall be to foster the interests of the societies named, in connection with the official representatives of said societies, and to present at each annual meeting of the Convention a carefully prepared report, namely:

1. The American Baptist Missionary Union.
2. The American Baptist Home Mission Society.
3. The American Baptist Publication Society.
4. The California Baptist Education Society.

ARTICLE IX

ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of the Convention shall be held at such a place as the Convention may determine, on the third Tuesday in June, at 7:30 P. M., or at such other time as it may direct.

SEC. 2. The President, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary shall constitute a committee to prepare a program for the next Annual Meeting in connection with the Convention.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present; *provided*, one year's notice has been given of the proposed change; or *provided*, it has been unanimously recommended by the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session of the Convention shall be opened and closed with appropriate devotional exercises, and all care shall be taken to promote spirituality during the sessions.

2. Articles IV, V and VIII of the Constitution and the By-Laws shall be read from the chair at the opening session of the Convention.

3. Visiting brethren may be invited to seats, with the privilege of speaking but not of voting.

4. All committees shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Convention, unless otherwise ordered.

5. No person, except the one making the opening address, shall speak longer than five minutes or more than three times upon the same motion without leave from the body.

6. "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the authority in conducting the business of the Convention.

7. The President of the Convention shall have power, upon the written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to change the place and time of the Annual Meeting.

8. The following shall be the general order of business:

   (1) The Annual Sermon shall be preached on the first evening of the Convention.

   (2) The election of officers shall not occur earlier than the forenoon of the third day of the Convention.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention by a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The advertising field has been so much canvassed by our people this year that it was found impracticable to get any advertising for this Annual. The number of copies was therefore reduced to 750. When some of the Associations voted to include their Minutes with the Convention Minutes, a part of the Convention Minutes, covering the first thirty or forty pages, had already come from the press and the type was distributed. It was therefore impracticable to increase the number above 750 copies, and as this was not sufficient to meet the demands of the Associations, no Association Minutes appear in this Annual. It is hoped, however, that arrangements can be made for such joint publication next year.

On the last two pages of this number there will be found a statement of particular importance to every Baptist in this Convention field.

There are two mistakes in the Report of the Board of Managers which call for correction. On page 13 it is stated that the appropriation to Towle and Dutch Flat is $200; the amount raised on the field for pastor's support, $500. This last amount should read $400. On the next page Covelo and Laytonville are said to raise $360 and $120. This should read $120 and $40, which, with the appropriation of $200, makes a total salary of $360 instead of $680 as there stated.

R. W.

REV. S. C. KEETCH

PRESIDENT GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF CALIFORNIA

And Pastor First Baptist Church, Golden Gate

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Golden Gate, Cal.

ERRATA

An unfortunate mistake in transcribing the Minutes was overlooked till the book was printed and bound. On page 9 the date, which reads Friday, August 2, 1899, should read Wednesday, August 2, 1899. In keeping with this, the caption on page 19 (Tuesday afternoon) should read Wednesday, and on page 20 Tuesday evening should likewise read Wednesday.

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Of Northern and Central California

TWIN LAKES, SANTA CRUZ, CAL.,
Friday, August 2, 1899.

After a short devotional service conducted by Rev. W. C. Driver the convention was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D. The Moderator called upon Rev. W. H. Latourette to read the Scriptures and Rev. Frank L. Sullivan to offer prayer.

After reading of Articles V and VIII of the Constitution the Moderator named the following committees:

ON ARRANGEMENTS—Rev. T. S. Young, Rev. B. F. Farmer, Rev. E. H. Hayden, Rev. N. L. Freeman and Rev. J. L. Allen.

ON IMPORTANT POINTS—Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., Leroy Dixon, Mrs. E. F. Joy and Mrs. L. A. Johnson.

ON ENROLLMENT—Rev. W. L. Gaston, Miss Estella Read, Dr. T. B. Holmes, Miss Lillian Berger and Rev. M. R. Wolf.

Report of the Board of Managers

General Missionary Rev. Robert Whitaker presented the report of the Convention Board as follows:

It is required by the Constitution of this Convention that at the close of each Convention year the Board of Managers submit to this larger body which it represents a report covering the work of the missionaries for the past year. This report has been largely statistical, a summary of the miles traveled, sermons preached, visits made and baptisms reported. Such a report it is well nigh impossible to give at this time for the reason that many of the returns for the last quarter are not yet in hand. Such a summary will be published in the Minutes.

For the reason just mentioned, but much more for other and better reasons, it has seemed best this year to make the annual report more in the nature of a

study of the particular fields where the Convention is assisting by the use of its funds. And that all may understand just what is meant by such assistance the statement of field work is preceded by some account of what our Convention is, and along what lines its missionary operations are conducted.

If it seems to some that this statement is too elementary, such a conclusion would soon be corrected by a little inquiry among the churches. The fact is that very many of our people do not understand at all the scheme and scope of our Convention work.

This Convention is known as the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California, although the legal name is still the General Baptist Convention of California. The field of the Convention covers forty-eight of the fifty-seven counties of California. The area of these forty-eight counties is about one hundred thousand square miles, or a little more, and the total population within this area is approximately one million souls. The Baptist population it is not easy to give, for the reason that so many of our churches are unreported the last year or two, but there are probably about one hundred and thirty churches with between nine and ten thousand members.

Of these churches not more than twelve or fifteen can support a pastor at the rate of one thousand dollars a year or more. A few can pay eight hundred dollars a year, a few six hundred, while many of the churches cannot support services at all except by combining two or more fields. Even then it is frequently the case that without some outside aid a pastor cannot be sustained.

To meet this condition of affairs and to prevent the pressure upon our stronger churches and upon all our generously disposed people of multitudinous appeals for aid from causes of quite unequal merit, and furthermore to provide some means for aggressive missionary work in new sections which invite evangelistic effort, our State organization exists. This is by no means all the reason for the existence of our Convention organization, but it is no small part. The churches, through their delegates, choose a Missionary Board, known as the Board of Managers of the State Convention. This Missionary Board co-operates with the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The General Missionary is a sort of Business Manager acting for our Convention, or, to go a little farther back, for the churches.

For some years past the terms of co-operation with the Home Mission Society have been as follows: The Home Mission Society gives for Baptist mission work in California, with the advice and co-operation of our Board, $6000 per year. This is conditional upon the raising of $3000 by the State Convention for the same work, to be spent under the same management, the Board of the Society and the Board of the Convention both acting upon each appropriation. In appropriations the iniative is with the Convention Board, the final decision with the Board of the Society. If the amount raised upon the field for any given year is less than $3000, the Society proportionately diminishes its appropriation, keeping the ratio still two to one. If the appropriations exceed the limit of the sum of the amount raised upon the field, with the quota contributed by the Society, the excess is all charged against the Convention and constitutes a debt to the Society. For example, if the churches of the Convention raise in a given year not more than $2500, the Society gives only $5000. The aggregate of these sums is $7500. Now, if the appropriations recommended by the Convention

Board and endorsed by the Board of the Society for the same year exceed $7500, the appropriations are paid in full from the treasury of the Home Mission Society, but the balance is charged against the Convention and constitutes our debt to the Society.

In this way a debt was many years ago contracted by the Convention. Some six years since the Board of the Convention gave a note to the Society for $4,747, the amount then against us. This note the Society deposited in its Annuity Funds, and has counted as one of its regular assets.

When the present General Missionary began his work, January 1, 1898, this note had been reduced to $2947, not including interest. At the last Convention the debt was assumed to be $3000. The Home Mission Society generously offered to contribute $1000, provided that the whole debt was paid by March 31, 1899. On this basis an appeal was made to the churches. By April 1 we had a little more than met the offer of the Society, if our debt had been what we had assumed it to be. We had received up to that time $4200. But our debt was more than $3000. Owing to misunderstanding of the statements of our current account rendered by the New York Board our actual indebtedness on account of appropriations, in other words, our book indebtedness as distinguished from the amount of note still unpaid, was not taken into consideration. This was $1000. This, added to the balance on the note, amounted to $3947. In this statement no account was taken of interest on the note, because the Society had never rendered us any account of interest due. It was not until July 17, 1899, that we received from Dr. Morgan the information that interest was due to the amount of $819. So that while we have raised the amount which we set out to raise we still owe the Society nearly $3000. But we are able to make the following encouraging statement: 1. The Society will continue its offer of $1000 on the debt. 2. The Society will, in addition to this, credit us on account with any unused margin on the amount appropriated to this field. 3. The Society will also allow $500 on the interest account. This liberality of the Society makes the debt a matter easily managed. We do not recommend any appeal for the debt this year. But we do recommend that we raise for our State work during the coming year the sum of $4000. This is less than we have raised during the year just closed, and will enable us to meet all our obligations to the Society and close the year entirely free of debt.

We propose now a brief review of the character and extent of our missionary operations this year. We have spent this year very close to the limit of $9000, the aggregate of our annual expectations from the churches and the Society. Of this amount the first item is the appropriation to the General Missionary.

The General Missionary receives $1300 and necessary travelling and office expenses. Some general missionaries also receive a salary as the Corresponding Secretary, but the amount paid in excess of the sum stated on any Convention field must be made up by the Convention. The General Missionary of this Convention travels on an average a little more than a thousand miles a month, preaches or makes a public address on an average of three or four times a week, advises concerning all the appropriations made, attends to a large correspondence and sees to the collection of Convention funds. Occasionally he holds special meetings with the churches. During the last year he has had a large amount of work in connection with the meeting of the National Anniversaries in

San Francisco, writing articles for the press, attending committee meetings, overseeing the exhibit in San Francisco, and other duties which need not be detailed. The cost of the General Missionary to the Convention is about $1500.

Another large appropriation is that to the Gospel Wagon work. Rev. H. E. Adams, Superintendent of the Gospel Wagons, is paid $600 a year. None of the workers are paid by the Convention. During the last year Mr. Adams has had three or four workers with him, and besides has exercised a sort of general superintendence over the wagons in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Risley, Mr. and Mrs. Melone, and Mr. and Mrs. Westlake. His own work has been chiefly at Sebastopol in Sonoma county, at Calistoga in Napa county, and Paradise in Butte county. At Sebastopol a church of twenty-two members was organized, which will be reported more in detail in connection with Petaluma. At Calistoga our feeble cause was very much strengthened. At Paradise the work is not completed, but it is reported that many have been converted and a church will probably result. The number baptized this year is much less than in some preceding years, but the amount of enduring work accomplished is doubtless more. This work should be continued, and some arrangement should be made if the money can possibly be spared whereby a few tried workers may have some small appropriation toward their support. If four or five workers could be given even as little as $50 each per year they would be saved from the necessity of seeking secular employment on account of their personal necessities.

Two of the Gospel Wagon workers of former years have this year been engaged in pastoral labor under the support in part of the Convention Board. These are Rev. Geo. E. Davis and Rev. D. H. Parkhurst. They were settled at Millville in Shasta county and at Cloverswale in Modoc county. Rev. Geo. E. Davis, from his residence point at Millville, acted as a sort of district missionary for the country round about, covering an area of country many miles in extent. Rev. D. H. Parkhurst, from Cloverswale as his center, did the same. The two sometimes joined forces, and so did much to sustain and increase our spiritual holdings in northeastern California. Their work has been greatly blessed; many have been baptized, and much good has been accomplished in other ways. Unfortunately, Rev. Geo. E. Davis has suffered much from sickness, and for some weeks past has been laid aside from work. He offered his resignation, but his place has been supplied temporarily by Rev. A. F. Randall, while the appointment of Brother Davis is continued in the hope of his ultimate restoration to the work.

In the same section of country, the northern end of the Sacramento Valley, we have had three other missionaries under appointment this year. Rev. J. H. Hargreaves was pastor at Anderson, Cottonwood and Millville last year. The Millville church was separated from this field at the beginning of our appropriation year, November 1, 1898, and, as before stated, was in charge thereafter of Brother Davis. On the other fields Brother Hargreaves closed his work January 1, 1899, and accepted a call to Towle in Placer county. Anderson had received no money from our Convention under Brother Hargreaves, but $100 for the year ending Nov. 1, 1898, had been appropriated toward Cottonwood. This appropriation was continued till January 1, 1899. Since that time Rev. B. F. Farmer has been pastor at Anderson and Cottonwood, but the fields have had no help from the Board. The church building at Anderson has been remodeled and greatly

improved. The work at Cottonwood has been sustained, but no special progress there has been made.

At Redding, just above Anderson, the most important town north of Red Bluff, Rev. F. H. Webster has been pastor since November 1, 1898. Our church at that point has a good building, well located, and free of debt. There have been some sad divisions in the past whereby the ability of the church to support a pastor has been diminished. Brother Webster appears to have the hearty support of the great body of the Baptists in Redding. Congregations were excellent when last the General Missionary visited the field, and steps were taken toward building a parsonage as a measure toward self-support. The Board is contributing $200 a year toward the support of a pastor on this field, while the church adds $500.

Rev. J. H. Hargreaves, formerly pastor at Anderson, as reported above, removed on January 1, 1899, and took charge of the church at Towle. He has also meetings at Dutch Flat, and for various well-grounded reasons resides at the last-named point. Towle is a lumber camp in the Sierras, very sightly, and with a delightful climate, much frequented by summer tourists and regularly inhabited by a considerable population of which the majority are men. Our church there is small in numbers, about twenty members all told; owns a neat, well-located building which is now paid for, which stands upon a lot leased for ninety-nine years at an annual rental of one dollar. The lot was leased because no lots can be bought. The work there was in bad shape January 1st, as there had been no pastor for some time. The church is doing well now. No church gives better than the little church at Towle, and there are signs that a spiritual ingathering is near. So far the spiritual results the last year or more have been quite meagre. At Dutch Flat there are several very faithful members of the Towle church. They have no building, but it is hoped that one may be secured this year. The appropriation to Towle and Dutch Flat is $200; the amount raised on the field for pastor's support, $500.

For several years the Emmanuel Church of Sacramento has had help from the Convention Board at the rate of $200 a year. The pastor has labored faithfully, and much good work has been done. During this time the church has not, however, progressed in the direction of self-support, and as it is not the policy of the Convention and Society to continue aid indefinitely, this appropriation was discontinued February 1, 1899. At the First Church, Sacramento, and at the Calvary Church, as well as at Oak Park, a suburb of Sacramento, there have been notable revivals during the year and large additions. These churches have had no assistance from the Board, of course, but have contributed liberally to the funds of the Convention, and their prosperity is mentioned that the impression may not go forth that we are losing ground at Sacramento, which is far from the case.

In the Sonoma Valley the church at Petaluma has been aided again this year. This is one of the oldest churches in our State, and has been helped, off and on, for forty years. The membership now is very small, only thirty, all told, while the average attendance is thirty-five. This church has very much desired the entire services of a pastor, but it was thought best this year to associate with it the new organization at Sebastopol. At present the pastor, Rev. J. T. Hollenbeck, preaches on Sunday morning at Petaluma, and then drives sixteen miles and preaches in the afternoon at Sebastopol. He reports for the past quarter forty-two sermons, an average of four every week. Besides his work at Petaluma and

Sebastopol, Pastor Hollenbeck preaches at one or more school-houses in the neighborhood of Petaluma. The Convention gives this field $150 a year, while the field itself raises $240, making a total support of less than $400. If the appropriation could be doubled next year the little flock at Sebastopol would probably build without further aid from the Convention or Society. At present their meetings are held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, from which they are likely to be excluded at any time. The rental of this building is a heavy tax on the small membership, which is only twenty-two. This church is the outgrowth of the Gospel Wagon work.

North of Sonoma, in Mendocino, the Convention has aided this year again the Round Valley Mission. Rev. Geo. W. Disher has labored efficiently at Covelo and Laytonville. At Covelo our church has grown steadily till the Baptists may now claim to be the spiritual force of Round Valley. Meetings are held in the school-houses adjacent, and many of the solid farmers of the neighborhood are earnest and faithful members of our body there. At Laytonville the work is much weaker, but some progress has been made during the year. We have appropriated to these two churches $200, the field paying $360 at Covelo and $120 at Laytonville, making a total salary of $680. This field should be self-supporting in the course of a year or two. There is a good building, centrally located, at Covelo, and also a building at Laytonville.

We have no other Convention work in all northwestern California except at Eureka. Our church there has had help this year, for the first three months at the rate of $300, and since then at the rate of $150, making an average rate from November 1st to November 1st of $225. The church was considerably in debt, for which reason more than the usual amount of help was given. The membership is now 97, but of these only 52 are resident members. We have a good property there, not most fortunate for situation, however. Pastor Stephens reports 21 additions during the year since August 1st, only three by baptism. Yet the church is united, aggressive, and increasing in ability to support itself. Little help should be required for this field next year. Yet it would be greatly to the advantage of our work if some general worker could be put into Humboldt and Mendocino, where our interests are very weak. It should be mentioned in this connection that our church at Fort Bragg, which has had no Convention aid for some years, has made excellent progress the last year.

Rev. F. S. Lawrence has been supported in part this year on the same fields occupied the preceding year: the Emmanuel Church, San Jose; the Memorial Church, Mountain View, and the church at Palo Alto. The appropriation to these three fields is $550. The same amount is contributed by the churches, making the total support $1100. Out of this amount, however, the pastor has to pay his traveling expenses, and the hall rent at Palo Alto, making his actual support about $1000.

The work on these fields is not easily stated in few words. Emmanuel Church, San Jose, has a fair building, poorly located. If the work at this point is continued much longer there will need to be some radical changes. But such changes cannot be made without more assistance than the Board is at present prepared to give. At Mountain View our cause is stronger than it has been for years. There have been many additions, and the financial situation is much improved. At Palo Alto everything waits upon the erection of a building. We have a fine lot,

well located, upon which we have paid $500, leaving $750 unpaid. The Home Mission Society has offered toward the erection of a suitable house at this very important point the generous sum of $2000. The membership is small, and made up in considerable part of University students who have little money to give. It will be necessary, in order to erect the building required by the Home Mission Society's offer, to make an appeal to the churches of the Convention for at least $1000. This appeal should be made at once and the building erected this year. It is the judgment of this Board that Palo Alto should have a pastor to give his whole time to the work there. The outlook for us at Palo Alto, with a suitable building, is very hopeful.

We have helped during the past year the church at Morgan Hill. Rev. Walter Ross was aided at the rate of $100 a year, the church raising at the rate of $300 a year. Brother Ross closed his work May 1, 1899, and was succeeded by Rev. A. J. Huguelet. The aid has been increased to $150 a year on condition that the church raise $350. The parsonage has been sold and the discouraging debt upon the church property has been cleared off. There are a good many young members here, and, with reasonably good crops, in a year or two this field should be able to relieve the Convention to some extent, if not altogether, of the necessity of giving aid.

Rev. J. M. Helseley closed an eleven years' pastorate at Gonzales about the 1st of May, 1899, and removed to Ceres. We have a fine property at Gonzales, largely as the result of his labors, and a good, self-sacrificing membership. On account of the severe drought in the Salinas Valley this church has been so weakened financially that they could not support their pastor without help, and during the last year of his work there Brother Helseley had $200 from our Board, to which the church added $180. Besides his work at Gonzales, Pastor Helseley preached frequently at Kings City, San Lucas and Pleyto. Since he left we have no pastor from Salinas to San Luis Obispo. There is much need of help in the Salinas and Cholame Valleys. We ought to spend $1000 in that section of the State, where we are spending nothing now.

In the San Joaquin Valley we are assisting churches at Selma, Sanger, Clovis, Lindsay, Exeter and Tulare. Selma has been self-supporting until the drought compelled them to seek aid this year. Rev. G. W. Donnel is pastor there, and has done a good work. Help ought not to be required at this point after this year. We have given $200 for the present year, the church raising $520. There is a good property here, not located to best advantage, a good congregation, and a membership of about 100.

Tulare, just south of Selma, has a fair building, poorly located, but a very choice membership. Rev. J. M. Green is doing a good, quiet work at this point. He has had $150 from the Convention, and the field has raised $330. The congregations are good, and the church is growing steadily toward self-support. One or two good years in the San Joaquin country would make this field able to care for itself. Both Selma and Tulare are important points, and our work there should be strengthened and well sustained.

Rev. I. D. Wood still labors at Lindsay and Exeter. These are much smaller towns than either Selma or Tulare, but are in the citrus belt and are important points. Last year they received $400 from the Board. With November 1, 1898, this was reduced to $200. The fields raise now at the rate of $400 a year. There

are about fifty members at each place. There has been a little progress the last year, but no marked growth.

Sanger and Clovis have united forces, and under the care of Rev. James DaMant are going forward this year. There have been many accessions at Clovis, and the work there is more encouraging. Both churches are poor. There is at Sanger a good church building, well located. This is true of several towns in that immediate neighborhood. We have good houses in good locations at Sanger, Reedley, Dinuba, Orosi, Exeter and Lindsay, a fact due in no small measure to the labors of Rev. I. D. Wood, just mentioned. Clovis has also a good house for such a town, but there is an embarrassing debt upon it. These towns, Sanger and Clovis, have a population of perhaps 1500 and 1000 respectively. The appropriation to the two churches is $150 a year, amount raised on the field about $300. Porterville, on the same line of railroad and in the same section with Sanger, Exeter and Lindsay, and perhaps a more important point than any of them, ought to have help toward erecting a house and supporting a pastor. The prospect there for establishing Baptist work is better than it has been for years.

There remains only this to add concerning the San Joaquin Valley: During the year just ended the old meeting house near Sanger, known as the Good Hope Church, has been removed to Malaga, renovated, and put in use after many years of idleness and neglect. Our little church at Malaga, therefore, has a good house free of debt. The Board was offered $100 for this building, but preferred to have it in use as a Baptist church. The Malaga people moved and renovated it at their own expense.

The Fresno people have again lost their building, probably at the hands of an incendiary. They are planning a better building, which will be worthy of their important position and the prospects which are before them. It is hoped to secure further aid for them from the Church Edifice Fund.

In Lake county we have aided this year in the support of Rev. T. M. Paterson at Lakeport and Kelseyville. He has just closed his work. The amount of aid given was $250. The field raised $450. This field ought to be self-supporting, with a stirring, aggressive man. Middletown, which had aid till lately, under the self-sacrificing labors of Rev. N. F. Hoyt has supported itself this year.

The church at Berkeley has had aid this year to the extent of $500. The church has raised $500 more, making a total support of $1000. We have now at Berkeley a good building, splendidly located, and the debt has been very much reduced. Rev. D. J. Pierce, D.D., has just closed his pastorate after accomplishing a great work for our cause at that vital point. A pastor has been called from the East, but his acceptance is in doubt. The same amount of help will undoubtedly be required for the next year.

Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco, has had $300 this year, and has raised $900 additional, as in the year preceding. It has been a notable year with this church. Through the self-sacrifice of the members, whose generosity is worthy of particular mention, and through the liberality of the Home Mission Society, the old and discreditable house of worship is about to be transformed into a modern building, with much increased accommodations. The recent rise in prices has delayed these improvements, but the church has better prospects

now than for many years past. Rev. W. C. Jenkins has labored indefatigably and with great success as the pastor of this church.

Rev. J. Geo. Gibson has continued his work at Immanuel Church, San Francisco, during the past year. This church has had for years a crushing debt upon it. By a special arrangement with the Home Mission Society it was provided that the Convention and Society would pay $500 a year toward the pastor's support if the church would pay $1000 a year on the debt. As this left $700 for the church to raise on account of pastor's salary, besides other expenses, this company of about one hundred members have been required to raise, all told, $2000 a year. During the last year, on account of necessary improvements on the church building, the amount of aid has been reduced to $350, while the amount required to be paid upon the debt is but $700. This explanation is made that a much misunderstood situation may be made clear. The debt has been reduced from $13,000 four years ago to $9000 now.

Our only work for the colored people this year has been $300 given to the Beth Eden Church, Oakland, toward the support of their pastor, Rev. J. L. Allen. He has given his whole time to this church this year, and as a result of his labors the debt upon the church has been very much reduced. The Beth Eden Church has an excellent lot, splendidly located, but has only an old house upon it, and is much in need of a church building. The people have contributed $300 toward the pastor's support, besides their contributions on the debt. In this connection it should be said that the Third Church of San Francisco (colored) has this year paid off all its debt and raised a considerable amount for improvements. Their property is worth over $40,000, and is now free of incumbrance. The appointment of a missionary among the colored people of this Convention field should be given due consideration.

We have two pastors among the Danes, supported in part by the Convention, Rev. N. Tycheson, at Twenty-third avenue, East Oakland, and Rev. P. Peterson at Watsonville. The work is slow at both points. There has been very little growth this year with the Danish Church in East Oakland, but good, faithful work has been done, and a mission carried on in San Francisco at the pastor's own expense. The Board pays $200 toward his support, the church $600. The growth at Watsonville is like that of the oak tree, slow, but strong. We have now there some twenty members. State Evangelist McCart has labored there lately with the Chapel Car, and as a result several English-speaking Baptists will probably unite with this church and provision will be made for a service in English. Meetings are held in the country, seven miles from Watsonville, where a good English-speaking congregation is gathered, and where it is hoped a revival will soon break forth. This field receives $250 and raises $150, or $400 in all. Pastor Peterson preaches also to the Danish people at Salinas. The work should be continued.

Among the Swedes we have also helped support two pastors this year, Rev. Chas. Palm in San Francisco and Rev. A. B. Orgren in San Jose. Both of these fields are miracles of devotion and success. In San Francisco we have now a fine building whose location is quite advantageous, the whole property nearly paid for and the balance of debt subscribed. The church raises $600 for the pastor and the Convention adds $300. It will probably be necessary to continue this aid next year. In San Jose we had nothing a few months ago as regards Swedish work. We now have a good building in a first-rate location, just across from the First

Church, and provision has been made for the payment of the entire cost. This last fact is due not only to the splendid generosity of the little church, but to the liberal aid of the Home Mission Society. The membership is only about twenty, but the church raises $300 toward the support of its pastor, the Convention contributing $300 more. This church will also need help for at least another year. The pastor is reaching out with the thought of doing Swedish work in Redwood City, and if we can put our long-disused church building at that point into good repair a good Swedish work can probably be done at Redwood. We need about $50 from some generous Baptist to do this repairing of our property at Redwood.

The State Evangelist has only been incidentally mentioned thus far. Rev. W. M. McCart has served another year in this capacity with much acceptance. He has held meetings at Burney in Shasta county, Cloverswale in Modoc county, Laytonville and Covelo in Mendocino county, Bachelor Valley and Upper Lake and Kelseyville in Lake county, Eureka in Humboldt county, Cloverdale in Sonoma county; Dinuba, Reedley, Orosi, in Fresno county; Merced in Merced county, Philo in Mendocino county, Parkfield in Monterey county, and Watsonville in Santa Cruz county. Besides these meetings he has had occasional preaching services at many other points. His labors have been unceasing, and his work has been everywhere acceptable. The results are hard to tabulate. Most of his work has been with poor churches, yet he has received toward the Convention work some $280. At Cloverswale, as a result of his meetings, there were six baptisms, at Dinuba, Orosi and Eureka, five were added to the church in each instance, and at Kelseyville there were thirteen, while fifteen professed conversion at Merced. At Philo and Parkfield, also, great good was accomplished. The State Evangelist has had $900 and traveling expenses, making the total cost to the Convention a little more than $1000.

There is entire satisfaction with Brother McCart, but after consultation with him it has been thought best not to continue the State Evangelist after November 1st. It is believed that the money spent upon the State Evangelist can be spent to better advantage.

We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God whereby we have been able to reduce our debt so substantially this year. We also acknowledge with sincere thankfulness the generosity of our Home Mission Society, both as regards its regular contribution to the debt and the generous gifts from the Church Edifice Fund. We rejoice that we have had the Anniversaries with us, that our churches report more baptisms this year than for many years past, that in spite of the hard times so many of our churches have made notable advance, and in the thousand blessings of the Great Head of the Church. We desire also to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, which has assisted us in our work to the extent of several hundred dollars. And we give as the appropriate word for our State Mission work this year the motto in the Auditorium where we meet again this year, "Forward ever, backward never."

Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. W. L. Gaston, Rev. A. M. Petty, Rev. S. G. Adams and N. F. Wood were selected to represent the daily press.

Rev. E. R. Bennett read the report of the Committee on Important Points.

Report of Committee On Important Points

Your Committee respectfully reports that in their judgment the very clear and full report of the Board leaves little to be desired in the way of special emphasis. But among the items in that report is one that suggests change of method and somewhat increased financial outlay. This is the matter of compensation to certain of the helpers in the Gospel Wagon Work. We believe the suggestion timely, and the matter worthy of careful consideration.

The matter of aid from the Edifice Fund for the Fresno church seems, in view of the circumstances, highly commendable. The importance of the field, the trials through which it has passed, the excellent spirit of the membership, all combine to plead for this aid.

The recommendation in reference to Palo Alto contains two points of interest. First, the service of a settled pastor all the time. The time seems to have come for a more determined and aggressive movement at this educational center.

The second point looks toward the early erection of a church building, involving an appeal to the Convention field for $1000. This, too, seems a duty that can no longer be put off.

It is believed that the policy of waiting for greater ability on the part of the church, or of working longer under the present conditions, is suicidal.

Expansion is in the air. We should wisely but generously push our work along all lines.

The report calls for the raising of $4000 for the general work this year. This is considerably less than was raised last year, and is the least we should think of attempting.

E. R. BENNETT.
JAMES SUNDERLAND.
MRS. E. F. JOY.
J. LEROY DIXON.
MRS. L. A. JOHNSON.

Pending the adoption of the report speakers were limited to five minutes each. Those who discussed the report were Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., Rev. A. M. Petty, Mrs. H. E. Adams, Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rev. E. B. Hatch, Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., Rev. F. S. Lawrence and Rev. J. L. Allen. On motion the report was laid on the table until Friday morning.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The new pastors on the field were welcomed by the Moderator and introduced as follows: Rev. S. G. Adams of Calvary Baptist Church, Sacramento; Rev. Thos. Baldwin, D.D., of Alameda; Rev. A. P. Brown of Fresno, Rev. M. R. Wolf of Salinas, and Rev. J. Morgan. Also Rev. E. G. Phillips, returned missionary from Assam; Rev. W. G. Trower of Minnesota, Rev. A. W. Rider of Oakland, Evangelist T. P. Boyd and Rev. S. W. Beaven of Washington. Later Rev. A. J. Huguelet was also introduced.

A general discussion was then held on the question, "How shall we care for the little country churches?" Suggestions were made that pastors visit the smaller churches occasionally; that college students be induced to visit them; that lay workers go out among them and speak to and cheer them; that larger churches organize branch churches and care for them; that weak churches combine; that some lay member read sermons to congregations.

This was followed by an excellent sermon on "Enthusiasm in Our Work," preached by Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco. The text was, "We ought to obey God rather than man." "Ought" was emphasized, and love was held forth as a motive power.

TUESDAY EVENING

After devotional services conducted by Rev. A. J. Huguelet the Committee on Enrollment reported as follows:

Report of Committee On Enrollment

ANDERSON—Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Farmer.

APTOS—Rev. E. B. Hatch, Mrs. Dunham.

BERKELEY—Rev. D, J. Pierce, D.D.

CERES—Mrs. J. Helseley, C. N. Whitmore, Mrs. C. N. Whitmore.

COTTONWOOD—Mrs. S. E. Pfiffer.

DINUBA—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Austin.

DIXON—Rev. A. M. Petty.

FRESNO—Rev. A. P. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Haber, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lowell.

GOLDEN GATE—Rev. S. C. Keetch.

GONZALES—G. J. Boekenoogen, J. D. Cochran.

HEALDSBURG—Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Driver, Miss E. Sparks.

LOS GATOS—Mrs. J. G. Withey, Mr. McCartney, J. B. Tupper.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

MORGAN HILL—Rev. A. J. Huguelet, Mrs. A. J. Huguelet, Mrs. G. McMullen.

OAKLAND, FIRST—Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Hobart, J. C. Caldwell, Mrs. E. H. Lake, Mrs. D. Hildebrand, Rev. E. G. Phillips, Mrs. L. A. Johnson.

OAKLAND, TENTH AVENUE—Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D., T. G. Brownson, D.D., Miss L. Berger, R. Pruett, C. Pruett, T. A. Downing, Rev. F. L. Sullivan.

OAKLAND, TWENTY-THIRD AVENUE—Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Bennett, Mrs. C. E. Bamford, Miss M. E. Bamford, Prof. J. T. Wallace, Dr. T. B. Holmes, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mr. C. Corrigan, Mrs. R. Whitaker.

OAKLAND, BETH EDEN—Rev. J. L. Allen.

OAKLAND, SWEDISH—Miss Lena Hagstrom, Deacon Gurt Gustafson.

PALO ALTO—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, J. LeRoy Dixon.

RED BLUFF—Mrs. C. Carroll, Miss Ellen Carroll, Miss Ethel Carroll.

RENO—Rev. T. P. Boyd, W. Sanders, Mrs. R. A. Curler.

SAN FRANCISCO, EMMANUEL—Rev. J. Geo. Gibson, Mrs. M. Magee, Mrs. E. Kennedy.

SAN FRANCISCO, HAMILTON SQUARE—Mrs. S. Featherstone.

SAN JOSE, FIRST—Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Young, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Brayton, Mrs. H. E. Adams, Deacon A. Smith, Mrs. S. Williams, Mrs. L. A. Newell, Rev. Wm. M. McCart, Mrs. E. J. Kerns.

SAN JOSE, EMMANUEL—Rev. F. S. Lawrence.

SANTA ROSA—Rev. W. L. Gaston and wife, Robert Crane, Mrs. Lou Farmer.

SANTA CRUZ—Rev. E. H. Hayden, Deacon R. R. Bixby, Mrs. L. C. Pray, Mrs. M. A. Hayden, Mrs. M. Anderson.

STOCKTON—Mrs. A. D. Ralph, Mrs. Abbie Colt, Mrs. J. W. Willey, May Cullums, Ethel Willey.

SALINAS—Rev. M. R. Wolf, Mrs. M. E. Abbott, Mrs. E. Walls.

SANTA CLARA—W. J. Burrell. C. W. Haman, Mrs. O. B. Kimball.

TOWLE—Mrs. L. A. Curtis, Pearl H. Curtis.

VALLEJO—Rev. and Mrs. N. L. Freeman.

WATSONVILLE—Rev. P. Peterson.

WILLOWS—Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lutts.

Life Members—Rev. J. Sunderland, D.D., Rev. W. H. Latourette.

Delegates-at-Large—Rev. C. A. Wooddy, D. P. Ward.

Visitors—Rev. A. W. Rider, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Jacques, Rev. W. G. Trower, Rev. S. W. Beaven, Rev. F. L. Sullivan, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Douglas, Hulda Lofgren, Augusta Lofgren, Alfred Wolff, Jennie Whitmore, Leslie Whitmore, Victor Porter, Mrs. C. M. Cogswell, Mrs. Cora Gordon, Judge W. W. Story. There were about ten others whose names could not be secured.

Total number of churches	42
Total number of delegates	122
Delegates-at-large	2
Life members	2
Visitors	25— 151

W. L. GASTON.
M. R. WOLF.
T. B. HOLMES.
MISS ESTELLE REED.
MISS BERGER.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

PLACE AND PREACHER—Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Rev. T. S. Young, Rev. W. L. Gaston, J. C. Caldwell, G. W. Haber.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. A. P. Brown, F. M. Lutts, Miss E. R. Abbott, Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Jerome Tupper.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. Charles Palm, J. G. Boekenoogen, Miss Shields, Mrs. J. M. Helsley, Miss L. Hagstrom.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Rev. A. M. Petty, Rev. A. J. Huguelet, Prof. J. T. Wallace, Rev. W. M. McCart, Mrs. B. F. Farmer.

OBITUARIES—Rev. E. B. Hatch, Rev. W. C. Driver, W. R. Strong. Mrs. E. R. Bennett, Mrs. H. E. Adams.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Rev. N. L. Freeman, Rev. Peter Peterson, Mrs. Willey, C. M. Whittmore.

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION—Rev. T. G. Brownson, Mrs. J. Sunderland, Rev. F. L. Sullivan, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Miss M. E. Bamford.

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY — Rev. E. R. Bennett, B. B. Jacques, Rev. J. George Gibson, T. A. Downing, Mrs. W. C. Driver.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY—R. H. E. Espey, Rev. A. M. Petty, Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., Prof. J. T. Wallace, Estella Reid.

Auditor—Clyde Corrigan.

The following committee was chosen from the floor to act as a committee on nominating officers for the Convention:

Central Association, Dr. T. B. Holmes; American River Association, Rev. S. G. Adams; Pacific Association, Rev. W. L. Gaston; South Central, Rev. M. R. Wolf; Sacramento River, Rev. B. F. Farmer; San Joaquin, F. J. Haber.

Rev. A. M. Petty of Dixon preached the annual sermon. Theme: "The Shepherdless Multitude"; text, "When he saw the multitude he was moved with compassion upon them." The sermon was original, and awakened much discussion.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. George Gibson.

THURSDAY MORNING

The first part of the session was devoted to the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. S. C. Keetch of Golden Gate presided.

Mrs. J. Sunderland occupied the chair in the ladies' meeting. Miss Mary E. Bamford Assistant Corresponding Secretary, made a report regarding the work of the Society. She noted especially the work of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Scott of Osaka, Japan, and urged friends to write to these self-sacrificing workers. Mrs. C. H. Hobart called attention to the general features of the work, stating that it was hoped that the ladies might raise about $2200 for the work this year. It was expected that a new feature of the work would come in the raising of $150 in California toward $300 for Missionaries' Children's Home in Washington.

Next April the Society will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Mrs. L. A. Curtis of Towle read an extract from the diary of Mrs. Wm. M. Upcraft of China, showing her to be a very busy woman.

A discussion followed on "How to Interest Women in Missions," and "How to Raise Money for Missions."

After prayer by Rev. E. G. Phillips and Rev. A. W. Rider, Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., was called to the chair and a profitable hour was devoted to a review of the work of the Missionary Union. Rev. C. H. Hobart read the report, as follows:

Report On Foreign Missions

Every year is giving emphasis to the value and importance of Foreign Missions. In the light of the Great Commission their importance has never been open to question. Experience is making more evident their transcendent value.

Those who have little or no conviction from the spiritual standpoint are bearing constant testimony to the value of the work of missionaries in the moral and social uplifting of the heathen nations.

The transformation wrought in individual character, the improvement noticeable in large populations, directly traceable to Christian influence, have brought men everywhere to acknowledge the measureless importance of this work. Missions no longer need justification; they simply summon men everywhere to their prosecution.

The meeting of the Missionary Union for the first time on the Pacific Coast was a matter of historic importance. It marks a new era in the history of the Society. That the officers of the Society were impelled to pronounce the gathering the most notable in the history of the Union is certainly cause for congratulation on the part of all our people. The meeting certainly gave added impulse to the work on the entire coast.

A survey of the history of the Missionary Union from a financial point of view contains much of interest. In the eighty-five years of its existence there has been raised and expended in the prosecution of the work $15,506,884.39. For the past twenty years the average has been about $460,000 per year. The largest sum for any single year was that of 1898, being $782,474.17. The gift of our membership throughout the field of the Union averages about 28 cents per member. Our average in California is about 36 cents per member, not including the nearly $60,000 which came to the Union through Mrs. Gray. The mission fields themselves during the past year contributed to the work the sum of $451,790.

As to the work abroad many notable things attract attention. The work in China has received a strong forward impulse. It has been the best year in our history in China. Additions equal to twenty per cent of our entire membership have been received during the year. In Africa, Banza Manteke still remains at the front. In spite of the serious illness of Mr. and Mrs. Richards and their removal to England, 298 have been baptized, the largest number of any year of the church's history. The church now numbers 1256 members.

The impulse toward self-support is distinctly on the increase in many of our mission stations. The gift by Mr. Allen of the Allen Line of steamships of

$12,500 for the building and maintenance of a mission ship to cruise among the millions of Japan hitherto unreached is the more significant from the fact that Mr. Allen is not a Baptist but a Presbyterian.

The proposal of Deacon Thing of the Clarendon Street Church, Boston, to turn over to the Union the Corean Mission is one of God's providences urging to enlargement. The fact that the deacon proposes to accompany the mission with a gift of $2000 per year for three years, and by will to make payable to the Union at his death at least $50,000, ought to at least encourage acceptance of the trust.

The work is suffering on many fields for lack of missionaries. We have twenty less workers in service than four years ago. This condition is from lack of funds, not from scarcity of well equipped men. With the world's material resources so largely on the increase such retrenchment is simply unpardonable. Yet the Union cannot send out men unless the churches send in money. We may well ask ourselves, Is California doing her duty toward the foreign field, when we spend $20 to keep ourselves shod for every dollar we spend to keep our foreign evangel shod with the "preparation of the gospel of peace."

Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., conducted a Quiz which was both instructive and entertaining. After a pleasant discussion of Missionary Union work, Rev. Martin, pastor of the Christian Church of Santa Cruz, was introduced and made a few remarks.

Rev. E. G. Phillips spoke on "The Triumphs of the Gospel in Assam," and Rev. A. W. Rider addressed the body on "The Fall of Dagon."

Adjourned to 2:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Geo. E. Dye conducted an hour's symposium in the interests of the *Pacific Baptist*. Three-minute speeches were indulged in on the general theme, "The *Pacific Baptist* as a Helper."

1. "In Foreign Work," Rev. James Sunderland, D.D.
2. "In General Missionary Work," Rev. W. H. Latourette.
3. "In Publication and Sunday-School Work," D. P. Ward.
4. "In General Work," Rev. S. W. Beaven.
5. "In Unifying the Coast," Rev. Thos. Baldwin, D.D.
6. "In Woman's Work," Mrs. L. A. Johnson.
7. "In Young People's Work," Rev. A. P. Brown.
8. "In Helping Busy Business Men." Dr. T. B. Holmes.
9. "In Educational Work," Rev. T. G. Brownson, D.D.
10. "Free Lance," Rev. Frank L. Sullivan.

One hundred and fifty dollars was subscribed to help defray the indebtedness of the *Pacific Baptist*.

Rev. P. Peterson presented the report of the Committee on American Baptist Publication Society, pending the adoption of which D. P. Ward addressed the Convention.

To the Northern and Central California Baptist State Convention:

We are glad to report another year of blessing. More calls have been made upon your Sunday-school Missionary for visits to needy fields and for Sunday-school institutes than in any previous year. It has been a year of toil and happy service.

The greatest opportunity of the hour is with our boys and girls in our homes and in our Sunday schools. We greatly need more intelligent, devoted teaching in our Sunday schools. It has been the constant effort of your Sunday-School Missionary to improve our methods of work and aid our teachers in leading the boys and girls to decide for Christ.

I have visited the entire field, from San Diego county to Shasta county, and spent one month in Oregon and Washington. Several Gospel Workers' Conferences have been held within the past year. Robert Whitaker has given valuable service in Bible instruction, and pastors have aided in a helpful way. The following is a partial report of work accomplished:

Sunday schools organized	7
Bibles and Testaments distributed	500
Sunday schools visited and addressed	60
Addresses made	260
Boys' and girls' meetings conducted	52
Miles traveled in Sunday-school work	17,200

Yours in service,

DAVID P. WARD,
State S. S. Missionary A. B. Pub. Society.

Report of Committee On American Baptist Publication Society

We cheerfully recognize and endorse the great work of our Publication Society. Since its beginning it has supported 3,790 workers, given away 175,592 books, distributed 45,657,000 pages of tracts. Its workers have delivered 934,019 sermons and addresses, baptized 27,251 persons and held 10,462 institutes. The value of this record to God's cause and the Baptist denomination all over the world can hardly be overestimated. The literature of the Society was never so good as to-day, and it should be found in every Baptist Sunday school.

With special gratitude do we mention the work of the Society on our Convention field. The Chapel Car work has never been more blessed than during the past year. We rejoice in the return of Brother and Sister Jacques to this State and feel that we are under great obligations to God and the Publication Society for the blessed work which they are accomplishing everywhere. We also recognize the uplifting influence upon our Sunday School produced by the efficient work of our able missionary, Brother D. P. Ward, and bespeak for him and the Chapel Car workers the earnest support and prayers of our churches.

Besides these workers we very much need at least two colporteurs, and hope that the increased contribution from our churches will soon enable the Society to meet this very urgent need.

The Bible work of the Society should receive our hearty support, and we urge our Sunday schools and churches to observe Children's Day and Bible Day and to remember the Society and all its workers in their prayers.

P. PETERSON.
MRS. E. F. JOY.

After a song entitled "The Railroad Song," sung by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, Brother Jacques addressed the assembly on "Chapel Car Work," as follows:

While the Chapel Car "Emmanuel" has for its field the entire Pacific Coast, we gladly recognize the State of California as one of the most important fields.

God has signally set his seal of approval upon this kind of work. Perhaps there is no work that has more advantages. One is the fact that the car is a church and parsonage combined, which can be rolled right into the midst of the people in the small towns along the lines of railroad; another, the novelty of it, which has a tendency to draw many people within the sound of the gospel.

A great deal of religious literature is distributed from the car, including papers, tracts, books, Bibles and Testaments. Eternity alone will reveal the results.

Professed conversions in the car during the last three and one-half years of my service in the work could be presented by the hundred. There have been nearly two hundred baptized into Baptist churches during that time.

The field is great, the calls are urgent and numerous, and gladly would I respond to all if I could.

The following partial summary for the past month will give a little idea of the work being done:

Meetings held	63
Sermons and addresses delivered	63
Families visited	26
Baptisms	3
Letters written	50
Sunday Schools organized	1

B. B. JACQUES.

Rev. J. George Gibson spoke on "Music in the Sunday School." Mrs. Jacques spoke on "Conversions in the Sunday School," and Rev. Thomas Baldwin, D.D., discussed the same topic.

THURSDAY EVENING

After devotional service led by Rev. Chas. Palm the Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Wooddy, D.D.

On motion the Twin Lakes Improvement Company was given thirty minutes to present their work. After a business talk by Rev. T. S. Young of San Jose, a motion prevailed to authorize the trustees of said company to apply on the debt such money as they may have on hand.

Brother Young stated that the present indebtedness on the Auditorium was $1600. The company has $300 cash on hand besides two lots valued at $200 each. This leaves an indebtedness of $700.

The Convention passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention sanction the plan of the Trustees of Twin Lakes Improvement Company to raise an annual income of $1500 for five years by sale of stock. The first money raised shall go toward payment on the debt until same is liquidated.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported through Rev. T. S. Young. Pending the adoption of the report Rev. A. P. Brown delivered an address on the same.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence

Appreciating the vast importance of principle and method in our religious activities, we, your committee, would recommend the following: 1. That the State Board be instructed to appoint at its first meeting a Superintendent of Systematic Beneficence and one Associational Superintendent for each Association. These eight, with the District Secretary of the Missionary Union and the Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention, to form the State Convention Commission on Systematic Beneficence for the ensuing year.

2. That each Association be recommended to appoint a Committee on Systematic Beneficence each year, of which the representative of the Association on the State Commission shall be chairman.

3. That this Associational representative, if appointed Chairman of Associational Commission, shall be held responsible for all work of the Commission within his Association.

Report adopted.

Rev. S. G. Adams addressed the Convention on "Our Churches and Our Home Mission Society."

FRIDAY MORNING

After prayer by Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., the report of the Committee on American Baptist Home Mission Society was read by Rev. Geo. E. Dye.

Report of Committee on American Baptist Home Mission Society

With unfeigned joy and gratitude we consider the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. We are under special obligations to this ever faithful friend for the generous offer of assistance in the raising of our debt.

We are grateful for the impulse given to our State Missions by the late Anniversaries, which were so successfully carried out.

We recognize the liberality of the Society in helping us to occupy the strategic points in our State.

We recognize the vastness of the Home Mission work, extending from Waterville, Maine, to Skaguay, Alaska; from British Columbia to City of Mexico; the complexity of which is somewhat realized when we consider that it involves the reaching of more than twenty nationalities.

While we appreciate the mighty triumphs of sixty-six years of this Society, we must never forget that the West is still largely unevangelized, the Negroes uneducated, great masses of foreign population unreached, many of the worst

parts of the great cities untouched, and multitudes of Baptist churches are without houses of worship.

We are grateful to God that the National Society has been enabled to pay its debt of $14,000 and carry on the work on an enlarged scale. Thirty thousand dollars has been put aside for an emergency fund, and also carrying a small balance over to this year's work. In addition to this marked favor of God it has pleased Him to give to us a new field comprising the eastern half of Cuba and the island of Porto Rico. Under the auspices of the Society a church has been organized at Skaguay and funds have been furnished for a lot and erection of a house·

The Society is thoroughly organized, its labors are full of enthusiasm and zeal, and with its harvest of over 5,000 souls each year it merits our most earnest prayers and help.

We miss the great assistance and wise counsel of Rev. H. C. Woods, D.D., whose untiring efforts we had learned to appreciate most deeply. We bow in submission to the Divine will in taking away this Moses, and appreciate the fact that when Moses is taken God places a Joshua in his place. We recognize in Rev. C. A. Wooddy, D.D., a man of God, well qualified for the arduous work of Superintendent of Missions, and one in whose leadership we have the greatest confidence. We pledge to him our hearty support and earnest prayers.

GEO. E. DYE.
B. F. FARMER.

Pending the adoption of the report Rev. E. B. Hatch, Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., Rev. T. S. Young and D. P. Ward referred touchingly to the work and character of Rev. H. C. Woods, D.D., deceased.

Rev. A. M. Petty reported for the Committee on Religious Literature as follows:

Report of Committee on Religious Literature

We, your Committee on Christian Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We heartily approve of all the praise that has been bestowed on the *Pacific Baptist* on the floor of this Convention from time to time, and would emphasize, if emphasis is possible, the importance to the individual Baptist, the local church and the denomination at large, of having this Baptist paper in every Baptist Home of the New West. We also recommend to the constituency of this Convention the effort of Dr. Wooddy in raising $5000 for the improvements on the paper.

2. So well and generously established has it become in our churches and Sunday schools that it has almost become unnecessary to endorse the literature of the Baptist Publication Society as helps in the Sunday school and supplies for its libraries and for the indoctrinating of the denomination. The committee would suggest, however, the careful examination by pastors and superintendents, with a view to use, of the new literature and publications that the Society is constantly sending forth.

3. Without in the least entering into any discussion of the merits and demerits of any form of organization among our young people, we would most urgently recommend that all the young people's societies in our Baptist churches use the *Baptist Union* in their work, and that where it is possible the Christian Endeavor course be carried out, and that the Conquest Meeting and the missionary literature that makes it effective be introduced where it is not.

W. M. McCART.
J. T. WALLACE.
A. J. HUGUELET.
A. M. PETTY.
MRS. B. F. FARMER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted its report through Rev. Chas. Palm as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would express their appreciation of the faithful work done by our beloved Brother D. P. Ward, and suggest that all pastors and Sunday-school workers give him their hearty support and co-operation in organizing and sustaining new schools and holding Sunday-school institutes.

In view of the fact that there are so many children and young people throughout our own State that are not in our Sunday schools, we would urge house-to-house visitation by pastors and Sunday-school workers, and the distribution of Sunday-school literature.

In order to see greater spiritual results we would recommend teachers' and class prayer meetings and a systematic study of missions.

CHAS. PALM.
MISS I. B. SHIELDS.
LINA J. HAGSTROM.
MRS. J. M. HELSLEY.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations

The Committee on Nominations reported through Dr. T. B. Holmes as follows:

PRESIDENT—Rev. S. C. Keetch.

VICE PRESIDENTS—Rev. S. G. Adams, American River Association; Dr. A. A. Whitney, Central Association; M. M. J. Weller, Clear Lake Association; Rev. A. D. Smith, San Joaquin Association; Rev. B. F. Farmer, Sacramento River Association; Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., Pacific Association; Rev. M. R. Wolf, South Central Association.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Rev. Robert Whitaker.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Rev. Geo. E. Dye.

TREASURER—C. F. Baker, P. O. Box 512, Oakland.

DIRECTORS—Rev. A. M. Petty, Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. A. P. Brown, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Captain H. T. Waite, Rev. W. L. Gaston, Rev. E. H. Hayden, Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D., Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. Sunderland.

T. B. HOLMES.
B. F. FARMER.
W. L. GASTON.
F. J. HABER.
S. G. ADAMS.
M. R. WOLF.

Judge W. D. Storey of Santa Cruz was given a few minutes to speak on the subject of "An Interdenominational University." Moved and carried that a committee of three from this body be appointed to confer with a similar committee from other denominations regarding the advisability of establishing an interdenominational university. The chair appointed the following committee: Rev. T. G. Brownson, D.D., Rev. W. H. Latourette, and Rev. Thos. Baldwin, D.D.

In the absence of the Treasurer, C. F. Baker, Rev. Robert Whitaker read his report, which, after being audited by R. H. E. Espey and Clyde Corrigan, was adopted.

Report of the California Baptist Education Society

The Educational Committee reported through Rev. T. G. Brownson, D.D., as follows:

Your committee desires to voice their conviction that a new impulse has been given to our educational work by the educational conference held in connection with the Anniversaries. We all realize something of the difficulties facing denominational education on the Pacific Coast, and express our conviction that these and similar conferences may accomplish a great work in awakening interest and leading to a wise solution of our educational problems.

In this report we urge upon the Convention a single point, the importance of all of our churches giving the educational work its just place in their benevolence, making it one of the five great objects which have a recognized claim upon them for annual presentation and support.

This Convention has placed our educational work among these five recognized claims, and has recommended its presentation during the educational quarter. If our churches will give our educational work the place in their benevolence which that work justly demands we shall see steady growth in this important phase of our denominational life.

REV. A. B. BANKS, D.D.
REV. T. G. BROWNSON, D.D.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Time and Place

Rev. Geo. E. Dye reported for Committee on Place and Preacher as follows:

Your Committee on Time and place beg leave to submit the following report:
Place: Santa Rosa.
Time: Early in November, the exact date to be determined by the Board.
Preacher of Annual Sermon: Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D.
Alternate: Rev. S. G. Adams.

GEO. E. DYE.
THOS. S. YOUNG.
J. C. CALDWELL.
W. L. GASTON.

Pending the adoption of the report Rev. W. L. Gaston extended a most cordial invitation for the Convention to meet with the Santa Rosa church, agreeing to entertain all the missionary pastors and their families.

Moved and seconded that the Convention go to Santa Rosa. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Convention meet at Santa Rosa in November. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., preach the annual sermon. Carried.

Rev. A. P. Brown reported for the Committee on Resolutions as follows:

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Resolved, That we hereby thank all who have contributed to the comfort and success of this Convention, notably the Twin Lakes Improvement Company for use of their Auditorium, the Southern Pacific Railroad for reduced fares, the daily press for their reports of our meetings, and our faithful officers and committeemen for their untiring service, Mr. H. E. Parker especially for his generous interest in the comfort of all.

Resolved, That we are in hearty accord with the Anti-Saloon League in its efforts to suppress the open saloon, and believe our members should join it *en masse*. That our churches should broaden out their work so that they shall actively work for the social and moral reforms of the day in all Scriptural ways, and show themselves in thorough sympathy with the suffering and needy everywhere.

Knowing the sentiment of the Baptist denomination and the sympathy of this Convention for the oppressed in all lands, be it

Resolved, That we denounce the horrid and growing custom of lynching throughout our country as public murder, and a sign of a return to barbarism. It shows a contempt of law that leads to anarchy, a love of cruelty that leads to further murder and violence. No patriotic Christian citizen should be indifferent in the presence of such brutalizing outrages, for they do more harm to the perpetrators by stunting and blighting their moral sense than they do to the victims of their vengeance.

While abhorring the crime that leads to these lynchings, we demand that our governors and other public officers use every effort to bring lynchers to justice as murderers, and ask that our denominational leaders and teachers everywhere voice the teachings of the Bible as to the sacredness of human life and the guilt of murder that attaches to all who take life without due process of law. If we be civilized we must let law stand supreme, demanding that it be prompt and efficient in its action.

A. P. BROWN.
MRS. C. H. HOBART.
MRS. M. E. ABBOTT.
J. B. TUPPER.

Adopted.

A motion prevailed to appoint a committee to confer with officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad regarding better accommodations at Twin Lakes. Committee: Rev. Robert Whitaker D. P. Ward and Rev. T. S. Young.

On motion Article II of the Constitution was amended as follows: "The field of this Convention shall be all that portion of the State of California lying north of Kern and San Luis Obispo counties, and the State of Nevada."

Rev. S. W. Beaven appeared before the Convention in the interests of the Home for Foreign Missionaries' Children at Vashon Island, Washington, and was favorably heard.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D., for his admirable grace and dignity as a presiding officer for the past three years.

The obituary report not having been submitted as yet, was ordered printed in the Minutes.

Report of Obituary Committee

Your Committee on Obituaries present the following report:

The letters from the various churches represented in this Convention report an aggregate of fifty-six deaths during the past year. The First Church of San Jose, however, is the only church which has given in its report the names of its departed members, which are as follows: Mrs. S. H. Daniels, died August, 1898; Mr. Joel Campbell, November 5, 1898; Mrs. Minnie Ludwig, November 21, 1898; Mr. A. Mintie, April 6, 1899; Miss Helen S. Wright, May 14, 1899; Miss Lucy Jackson, June 19, 1899; Mr. John H. Palmer, June 30, 1899; Mr. Ernest Mintie, July 7, 1899. Of this list, Miss Wright is known to your committee as having een for many years a faithful and efficient teacher in the State Normal School at San Jose, and honored and beloved by all who knew her. Both in church and school she was devout and faithful in her work.

It gives us pleasure to call attention to the fact that while Death has called away fifty six of our number, he has not invaded the ranks of our faithful pastors. So far as we are able to learn, they still remain to do faithful work among us.

E. B. HATCH.

[Since the above report was rendered, Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland, has sent the names of its deceased members, as follows: Sisters Ruth B. Clapp and S. J. Perkins; Brothers C. W. Dearborn, James Sill and J. D. Lewallen.]

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch.

The Baptist Young People's Union

OFFICERS

President—T. B. Holmes, M.D., 1266 Twenty-third Ave., Oakland.
Vice President—Rev. M. R. Wolf, Salinas.
Recording Secretary—Miss E. M. Reid, Alameda.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Hattie L. Bromley, Golden Gate.
Treasurer—Miss Lou Farmer, 726 Second St., Santa Rosa.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Central Association—Miss Grace F. Felker, San Francisco.
South Central Association—Miss May Adams, San Jose.
Sacramento River Association—Miss Maud Lutts, Willows.
American River Association—Mr. G. W. Shoemaker, Sacramento.
Pacific Association—Mr. Martin Monsen, Sacramento.
Clear Lake Association—Mrs. L. Beach, Philo.
San Joaquin Association—Mr. F. S. Knauer, Reedley.

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Northern and Central California convened at the Auditorium, Twin Lakes, August 4, at 7:30 P. M., with President D. P. Ward in the chair.

Rev. W. C. Driver conducted the praise service.

After prayer by Rev. W. M. McCart the following committees were appointed:

On Nomination—J. LeRoy Dixon, R. H. E. Espey, Alfred Wolf.

On Enrollment—Miss E. M. Reid, V. A. Porter.

On Resolution—Dr. T. B. Holmes, Mrs. L. H. Sherman, J. B. Tupper.

On Time and Place—Rev. W. C. Driver, Rev. M. R. Wolf, Mrs. Robert Whitaker.

At 8:15 Echoes of the Conventions at Detroit and Richmond were given by D. P. Ward.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Geo. Gibson.

Saturday Morning

At 9:30 a praise service was led by Rev. J. Geo. Gibson.

The following were appointed as Auditing Committee: Rev. B. F. Farmer, R. J. Squires, Miss Ethel Willey.

As the Corresponding Secretary had not received a sufficient number of reports from local societies to enable her to make a yearly report, a motion prevailed that both the outgoing and the incoming secretaries prepare a report as soon as possible and send to Rev. Robert Whitaker.

The Treasurer gave the following report for the year ending August 5, 1899:

RECEIPTS

From former Treasurer	$ 78 02
Collection at State Convention	8 13
Local Society Pledges	97 00
Collection at Echo Meeting	6 90
Total	$190 05

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid D. B. Ward	$ 5 90
" E. G. Humphrey	4 90
" Waters Bros.	5 00
" Waters Bros.	5 00
" Rev. M. Slaughter	10 00
" D. P. Ward	50 00
" D. P. Ward, loan	25 00
" Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D.	7 00
" D. P. Ward	5 00
" Mrs. B. F. Farmer	11 50
" Miss Adams	60
" C. S. Corrigan	3 00
" Minutes	5 00
Total	$141 15
Total receipts	$190 05
Total disbursements	141 65
Cash on hand	48 40
Pledges unpaid	43 50
To be received from Echo collections	18 10

Attested as correct,
B. F. FARMER.
R. J. SQUIRES.

C. S. CORRIGAN,
Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee made its report, which was accepted, and those nominated were declared elected.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions was as follows:

Resolved, That we are gratified by the harmonious spirit manifest throughout the Convention.

Resolved, That, whereas, there is a seeming indifference on the part of our young people to the church, therefore be it further resolved that we stand loyal, first, to Christ as the great Head of the Church; second, to the Church; and third, to the principles laid down by the Young People's movement.

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the Christian Culture Courses to the consideration of our young people.

Resolved, That we recognize the sacredness of our pledge, and that we become more loyal in carrying out the spirit of the same.

Resolved, That we are in full sympathy with the Anti-Saloon League and all other moral reforms, and pledge them our prayers and support.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the Twin Lakes Improvement Company; also to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for reduced transportation.

T. B. HOLMES.
L. H. SHERMAN.
J. B. TUPPER.

On motion the report was accepted.

The report of Committee on Time and Place was as follows:

Your Committee on Time and Place of next Convention recommend that a Baptist Young Peoples' Rally be held at Twin Lakes in connection with the Twin Lakes Baptist Assembly next July, and that the annual Convention be held at Santa Rosa in connection with the State Convention in November.

W. C. DRIVER.
MRS. R. WHITAKER.
M. R. WOLF.

On motion the report was accepted. After discussion a motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

Rev. F. L. Sullivan spoke briefly concerning the *Pacific Baptist*, and Rev. E. R. Bennett concerning the Correspondence Bible School.

Mrs. B. F. Farmer gave a report of the Junior work.

Following the business session the subject of the morning was "The Best." The topics discussed were:

"The Best Secretary," Miss E. M. Reid.
"The Best Missionary Committee," Mrs. W. J. Burrell.
"The Best Prayer-Meeting Committee," Rev. M. R. Wolf.
"The Best Leader," Miss Ellen Carroll.
"The Best Quiet Hour," Rev. Geo. E. Dye.

The meeting was then thrown open, and a large number told of the best thing their society had done.

Rev. A. W. Rider of Los Angeles spoke a few minutes on "Do Not be Satisfied with Second Best." Session closed with prayer.

Saturday Evening

The meeting opened with a praise service led by Frank Smith.

The following societies pledged for State work for the coming year:

Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue	$ 5 00
Stockton	5 00
Anderson	5 00
Anderson Juniors	2 50
Willows	5 00
San Jose, First	5 00
Salinas	5 00
Oakland, First	5 00
Healdsburg	5 00
Ceres	5 00
Alameda	5 00
Sacramento, First	5 00
Sacramento, Calvary	5 00
Santa Rosa	2 50
Oakland, Twenty-third Ave. (Intermediate, J'n'rs)	2 50
Madera	2 50
Red Bluff	3 00
Palo Alto	2 50
Santa Cruz	2 50

The following persons also pledged:

D. P. Ward	1 00
Mrs. Pfeiffer	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Davis	1 00
Rev. C. C. Smoot	1 00
Rev. W. M. McCart	1 00
Mrs. Fohl	1 00
F. J. Haber	2 50
Cash	1 00
Mrs. Colt, Stockton	1 00
Total	$88 50

Vocal solo, Rev. J. Geo. Gibson.

Address, "Source of Equipment," C. F. Baker.

Address, "Use of Equipment," Dr. T. B. Holmes.

Closed with prayer by Rev. W. C. Driver.

Sunday Morning

Sunday-school session at 9:30, led by D. P. Ward.

Scripture reading, Rev. C. C. Smoot.

Prayer, Rev. M. R. Wolf.

Song, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Driver.

Sermon by Rev. C. C. Smoot.

Sunday Afternoon

The Junior Rally at 3 P. M. was under the leadership of the Junior Superintendent, Mrs. B. F. Farmer. After the opening exercises, in which a large number of Juniors took part, Mrs. Farmer re-

viewed the lessons which were taught during the Bible Institute and received a ready response to the questions asked.

Mr. D. P. Ward told some of the helpful things that he had heard at the Conventions.

After the Junior Rally addresses were given on the Christian Culture Courses by Rev. E. H. Hayden and on the Tenth Legion by Rev. T. S. Young.

Sunday Evening

Praise service led by Rev. B. F. Farmer.

The Enrollment Committee reported as follows:

Ceres	4	Mountain View	2
Gonzales	2	Healdsburg	3
Tulare	1	Santa Rosa	3
Orosi and Dinuba	2	San Jose	10
Red Bluff	3	Stockton	5
Fresno	2	Towle	2
Madera	2	Anderson	2
Vallejo	2	Alameda	1
Penryn	1	Oakland, Tenth Ave	5
Los Gatos	1	" Twenty-third Ave	12
Palo Alto	1	" First	1
Morgan Hill	5	San Francisco, Emmanuel	2
Santa Cruz	5	" " First	2
Willows	1	Sacramento, Calvary	3
Santa Clara	5	San Jose, Emmanuel	1
Salinas	3		

INTERMEDIATES AND JUNIORS

San Jose	6	Santa Cruz	10
Salt Lake City	2	Red Bluff	1
Sacramento, Emmanuel	3	Cottonwood	1
Madera	1		

Total number of delegates, 118. Visitors, 36.

The subject for the evening was "Consecration," and the following topics were presented:

"A Well-Rounded Christian Character," R. H. E. Espey.
"Little Things and Consecration," Rev. A. C. Austin.
"Spiritual Food," Rev. Robert Whitaker.
"Giving and Consecration," J. LeRoy Dixon.
"Soul-Winning," Rev. S. G. Adams.

Miss Maud Main, Rev. W. M. McCart, Mrs. C. Carroll and others spoke briefly.

The former President, D. P. Ward, introduced the incoming President, Dr. T. B. Holmes, and spoke a few words of welcome, to which Dr. Holmes responded with an earnest appeal to the young people of the Convention.

Adjourned after prayer by D. P. Ward.

MAY ADAMS,
Recording Secretary.

The Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society

Of California and Nevada

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The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California met at Twin Lakes, Tuesday, August 1, 1899, at 2:30 P. M. The President, Mrs. James Sunderland, conducted the meeting, which was preceded by a devotional session led by Mrs. L. F. King of Dixon and participated in by Mrs. Abbott of

Salinas, Mrs. Helsley of Ceres, and others. Miss Lou Farmer presided at the organ.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Miss M. E. Bamford was asked to take the minutes of the meeting. The President appointed as Enrollment Committee, Miss Estelle Reid of Alameda and Mrs. Robert Whitaker of Oakland.

The President, Mrs. Sunderland, gave an address on the history and work of women's missionary societies in America.

Report of the Board

The report of the Board of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Johnson of Oakland, as follows:

The Board has held twelve regular and two called meetings during the year. At our annual meeting, August 2, 1898, a recommendation was adopted that as a Society we affiliate with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and with the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago, and also continue auxiliary to the State Convention. At a called meeting of the Board, August 4, a full discussion of the significance of the above action was had, which was participated in by Rev. H. C. Woods, D.D., Rev. C. A. Wooddy, D.D., and others. Dr. Woods spoke very encouragingly of the educational feature of the affiliation, and offered to send sample copies of several of the publications of the Home Mission Society. At this meeting it was voted to raise the sum of $800 for our State work.

In October it was decided to write to the Chicago Society requesting the help of one of their missionaries for a few months in work in Northern and Central California.

Mrs. Keetch offered her resignation as Superintendent of Distribution of Literature, and Mrs. L. M. Babcock was elected to fill the vacancy. It was also voted at this time to try to raise the sum of $200 above the $800 already pledged, the $200 to be equally divided between the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago.

In November the following named missionary pastors and workers were presented for our help: H. E. Adams, Gospel Wagon; W. M. McCart, State Evangelist; F. S. Lawrence, Palo Alto; P. Peterson, Watsonville; J. M. Green, Tulare; G. W. Disher, Covelo; N. Tycheson, Oakland; J. H. Hargreaves, Cottonwood.

It was voted to give $100 to each of these workers. A reply from Miss Burdette to the request for a missionary, said that Miss Pennoyer would be sent to our field. Miss Pennoyer was present at the meeting held in December, and told of her work in Southern California. An outline of her visits to our churches for the month of December, beginning at Redding and ending at Vallejo, was given.

In January Miss Pennoyer was again with the Board, having completed her month's work and being ready with her report, which was very encouraging. Letters were read from Dr. Morehouse and from Miss Burdette in reply to questions regarding literature needed on our field. Both of the Societies offered any amount of literature desired.

In February Miss Winnie Pierce offered her resignation as Superintendent of Juniors and Bands, and later Miss Brace of San Francisco was chosen to fill the vacancy.

In March, to our deep regret, Miss Pennoyer was taken ill at Fresno and had to cancel her engagements and return to her home in Southern California. Very interesting letters were received from our missionary pastors also at this time, and were copied and sent throughout our field, arousing a greater interest in the work of these pastors than had been felt before. Value of boxes and barrels sent out up to this time, $600.

In April Mrs. Bamford offered her resignation as Superintendent of Bureau of Intelligence, an office so well and faithfully filled. Mrs. Whitney of San Francisco was elected to fill the vacancy thus caused.

In May our Board meeting was held during an intermission of the Anniversaries. We enjoyed the great pleasure of having with us at that meeting a good many of the visitors from the East, together with a number of our missionary pastors. Brethren Peterson, Tycheson, Hargreaves, Lawrence, Adams and McCart each gave interesting items of their work. Miss Burdette told of the work of the Woman's Society of Chicago, Mrs. Jackson of the work in Southern California, and Mrs. Chapman spoke feelingly of the great work of the East and West, North and South, the largeness and importance of it being tenderly mentioned.

We mention with a sense of our great loss the death of two of the faithful members of our Board, Mrs. Pierce of Berkeley and Mrs. Perkins of the Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland. Aside from the loving help rendered in her home circle and in the church of which her husband was pastor, Mrs. Pierce took a special interest in the young, and especially in the young women. In the work of the Master, wherever it might be, she was personally interested and helpful.

Mrs. Perkins leaves the fragrance of a lovely Christian character, held in tender remembrance by her husband and sons, pastor and church, and by her associates in the Woman's Home Mission Board, where her regular and faithful attendance was so much appreciated.

Your Secretary has sent out during the year 210 letters, 112 postals and 180 circular letters; has received 150 letters and 50 postals. Our work has been very similar to that of former years. The faithfulness of our associational secretaries cannot be too highly recommended. In two cases at least their service has extended over several years. The year has been marked by a persistent presentation of our work. By personal, general and circular letters, by appeals in the *Pacific Baptist*, by individual solicitation and addresses, have we sought to interest the women of Northern and Central California in the work of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California. That in a measure a failure in the funds expected has been met, does not necessarily show a decreased interest; yet we acknowledge a feeling of some perplexity as to the best methods of work for the future. The failure to raise the full amount expected may be due largely to the continued failure of crops throughout the State, together with the special effort made for our Convention work.

The amounts raised by Associations are as follows: Central Association, $485.50; South Central Association, $102.20; Pacific Association, $96.49; Sacramento River Association, $86; American River Association, $30.40; San Joaquin

Valley Association, $15.60; Clear Lake Association, $11.45. It will be remembered that we voted to raise $800 for the missionary pastors, and to try to raise an extra $200 to be equally divided between the two Societies in the East. We rejoice to report the first amount raised but regret the failure of the second, so that these figures prove disappointing, although in no previous year have more strenuous efforts been put forth to increase our income. However, we are not discouraged, knowing that the work is the Lord's and "upon His shoulders rests the government."

From Pacific Association Miss Pratt, our faithful Secretary, reports encouragingly as to work attempted, but finds great difficulty in receiving answers to letters. She also regrets, as do we, that very few *Home Mission Monthlies* and *Tidings* are taken, and very little missionary literature is reported as having been distributed. Vallejo sends a good report, and says that the attendance at the Anniversaries was a great inspiration to them all. Their circle has greatly increased in interest. The wife of the pastor at Woodland strongly hopes to organize a circle there this Fall. Napa loses its efficient President, Mrs. A. M. Russell, by her removal to another field. St. Helena reports but five members, yet has raised over $2 per member. We greatly regret having to give up Miss Pratt as Associational Secretary for the Pacific Association. Few could do more faithful, efficient work, but she feels that she can no longer serve.

American River Association has but four organized circles. Calvary, Sacramento, reports encouragingly. They are few in number yet, but we hope, as a result of the good meetings the church has enjoyed, for a larger membership next year. The little circle of nine members at Wadsworth sent in double their apportionment. They are very wide awake to all our denominational interests. Mrs. Smith, the Associational Secretary, complains of not receiving replies to her letters. She reports having sent out a large number of letters during the year to every church, yet received but four replies. She asks why it is that God's children must be begged to answer letters pertaining to the kingdom. She hopes to hear that Nevada is included in the California Convention at this meeting, and promises two or more new circles in Nevada if it is done. (We hope at this meeting to have the old, often asked question answered, "Why can we not receive answers to letters?")

Mrs. C. S. Young, who has been our hopeful Secretary of Clear Lake Association, is obliged to resign owing to removal from the Association. She reports but one organized circle, but also mentions one of the little churches sending in more than its apportionment. Clear Lake may be poor in purse, but certainly is rich in faith and works.

Mrs. Austin, our Associational Secretary of San Joaquin Valley, says, "I believe more interest is being taken in our work in this Association," but she also meets with the same difficulty about receiving answers to her letters. Reports receiving but six letters during the year, after repeated writing. She mentions the Women's Meeting in April as being of great interest, and well-attended. There are but three organized circles in the Association, but several Aid Societies give to our work.

Central Association makes a good report of the year's work. The Dano-Norwegian Circle in East Oakland mourns the loss by death of their former President, Mrs. C. Jensen, who was called to the better land June 11. Their Circle is

active and has a "mind to work." Golden Gate reports their Circle in good condition, with good attendance at their meetings. Their moneys are raised entirely by free-will offerings. Berkeley also mourns the death of their beloved sister, Mrs. Pierce, who was ever greatly interested in all mission work.

Stockton says. "In place of the usual missionary barrel we sent $15 to the Superintendent of Supplies to be used toward a suit of clothes for a student." They also mention holding monthly missionary prayer meetings which are of special interest.

Tenth Avenue reports increase of interest in meetings and speaks of holding an all-day meeting every quarter. Reports a barrel sent out valued at $181.20.

Hamilton Square also reports sending out a barrel valued at $75.

Emmanuel, San Francisco, says: "We held our second annual meeting July 10, with good attendance and good interest, although many predicted that our Circle would not live a year, yet we are very much alive and enthusiastic, and determined to interest a good many more during the coming year.

Twenty-third Avenue reports good meetings and good attendance, with their pastor's wife as their most efficient President.

Oakland First reports $152.25 contributed during the year, thus constituting several life members. We mention with gratitude the liberal gifts from Mrs. Higgins, which made possible so good a showing. A barrel was sent out in November, valued at $100.

San Francisco First raised $135.25, beside sending out a barrel valued at $125. The Chinese Kindergarten of San Francisco received $15.65 from the Juniors through our treasury. They have their much-needed skylight, which adds greatly to their help. Ceres and Waterford are much encouraged over the settling of Rev. J. M. Helsley with them as their pastor, and each faithful little church sent in the amount apportioned.

Mrs. Carroll of the Sacramento River Association says: "Willows Circle has a Chinese school of eight boys, doing well and all eager for the Word. These boys attend all the services of the church." As usual they raised all of their apportionment. Redding organized a Circle at the Association. They report doing well, though few in number. They have a lively Junior Society under the leadership of Mrs. Middleton, President of the Circle. They also met their apportionment. Anderson is also a new Circle, having been organized only six months, but is not at all discouraged in the work. Ono also is a new Circle. They report earnest workers, though no increase in membership. Round Mountain is our banner Circle as to members, and as usual met its apportionment. Red Bluff is increasing in interest. It is worthy of special mention that this was the first Circle to meet its apportionment, and that before the middle of December. We are of the opinion that one secret of the success of this Circle is due to the fact that Mrs. Carroll lives there. She is very enthusiastic, and with good cause, over the use of the mite boxes for the collection of funds, and says, "These mute appeals for Christ's cause have done much to arouse an interest in missions." She reports 68 letters and postals written during the year, and six copies of the *Tidings* taken in the Red Bluff Circle.

South Central Association has lost its long-time very faithful Associational Secretary, Mrs. Helsley, by her removal to another field. Mrs. F. S. Lawrence has been chosen to fill the vacancy thus caused. Mrs. Helsley reports nine cir-

cles in the Association. Two new ones were organized in February, one at Palo Alto with six members, the other at Mountain View with eleven members. She says: "Both seem much interested in the work, and will be prospered." Santa Cruz sent a report that gladdened Mrs. Helseley's heart, and, she says, made the world seem brighter. I wish we might have many more such reports and cheering messages. San Jose First sent out a box valued at $45. She says a few of the circles more than met their apportionment. Mrs. Helsley has written 52 letters and postals and sent out 14 circular letters.

Our circles have sent out a large amount of literature. Golden Gate reports four large bundles to a lumber camp; Hamilton Square, 638 papers and magazines; Tenth Avenue, 3071 papers, magazines, tracts and cards; Oakland First, 75 pounds to the Indian and Gospel Wagon work, with a large amount on hand. An unusual degree of interest has been taken in the Bureau of Supplies. Boxes and barrels to the amount of $800 have been sent out. The great success of this department, and the cause of the increasing interest, as well, are undoubtedly due to the entire consecration of Miss Ham to this work. We wish to call special attention to the large amount of literature in the Bureau of Intelligence that has been so generously provided us by the Home Mission Society and the Woman's Society of Chicago. We are indebted to the *Pacific Baptist* for the same liberality as shown in former years in giving space to our notices and appeals. This service has been much appreciated.

So ends the record of another year. As the times have seemed to brighten, so we believe the conditions touching the Redeemer's Kingdom have improved, and notwithstanding the seemingly limited resources of the Baptist women of this State, we most confidently believe that if all would only comply with divine requirements we would have sufficient to meet all present emergencies. The faithful work done by our missionaries and others cannot be expressed in figures. Large sacrifices have been and are being made by these and by many of our sisters. A good many new circles have been organized, and we look forward to good results and reports from each one. These cheering letters outweigh the discouraging.

We hope that God will reveal to each one more and more her duty to Him and her privilege of service for Him.

MRS. L. A. JOHNSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Sunderland spoke a few words concerning Mrs. Johnson's faithful work during the past year, and the gratitude felt by the Board for her services.

The encouraging report of our Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Joy, who has so long and faithfully served us, was listened to and accepted.

Mrs. Hobart led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the past and petition for the future.

Report of Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies

The report of the Bureau of Supplies, so carefully and sympathetically superintended by Miss M. A. Ham, was read by Mrs. Johnson, as follows:

The work of this department has gone on about as usual, though the results are not as encouraging as we could wish.

Thirteen circles have sent boxes and barrels of supplies to fourteen of our missionary pastors, thus helping them to bear the burdens and perform the labors of the past year.

This work has proven a mutual blessing, not to the recipients alone, but to the givers as well, as all can testify who have entered heartily into the work.

The following is the statement of the value of supplies sent: Alameda, $128; Berkeley, $25; Dixon, $50; Golden Gate, $15; Oakland, First, $100; Oakland, Tenth Avenue, $181.20; Oakland, Twenty-third Avenue, $23.30; San Francisco, First, $74.50; San Francisco, Hamilton Square, $75; San Francisco, Emmanuel, $45; Santa Cruz, $5; Stockton, $15; San Jose, First, $45; Willows, $64. Total, $846.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. HAM.

The report was adopted.

In the absence of any report from the Committee on Obituaries, the President appointed Mrs. E. R. Bennett of East Oakland to present such report. The names of a number of sisters who died in the past year were given by different persons, and Mrs. Fielding led in prayer for the bereaved.

Mrs. Davis, First Church, San Francisco; Mrs. M. C. Jenne, Santa Cruz; Mrs. D. J. Pierce, Berkeley; Mrs. E. Gilmore, Fresno; Mrs. W. R. Strong, Sacramento; Mrs. Perkins, Tenth Avenue, Oakland; Mrs. C. Jensen, Dano-Norwegian, East Oakland; Mrs. E. Conant, Alameda. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Mrs. J. M. Helsley, for four years Associational Secretary for the South Central Association, but now removed to Ceres, spoke of the South Central Association work. At first there had been but six circles, now there are nine. She spoke of the necessity of prompt replies to letters.

Mrs. Chas. Carroll of Red Bluff, Associational Secretary for the Sacramento River Association, spoke, and mentioned the use of mite boxes as the best way that she knew in which to raise money.

Mrs. A. C. Austin of Dinuba, Associational Secretary for the San Joaquin Valley Association, stated that the prospect was better than it had been. She reported three circles in her Association. It was

pleasant to hear from so many of our Associational Secretaries and have them on the platform with us.

After a song, a discussion of the plan of apportionments was held, participated in by Mrs. Helsley, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Adams, Rev. F. S. Lawrence and others. The general opinion seemed to be in favor of the system of apportionment.

The President, Mrs. Sunderland, brought before us the matter of the sending of a young lady of Sacramento, Miss Wuttke, to the Training School at Chicago. Miss Wuttke has done much Christian work at Sacramento and is recommended by Rev. Dr. Banks and wife of the First Church. The Sacramento First Church Circle offered to raise $25 of the $50 needed from California to allow Miss Wuttke to enter the school. Mrs. Jacques of the Chapel Car offered to give $10 to make herself a life member of our W. B. F. M. Society of California to help the fund for Miss Wuttke. After an interesting address by Miss Hagstrom of the Swedish Baptist Church of Oakland on the value of the Chicago Training School to the girls there, it was voted that our Society raise the $25 necessary to finish the amount Miss Wuttke needs to enter the Training School. The Society of Chicago will grant her $50 from the Student's Aid Fund.

The Nominating Committe reported as follows:

For President—Mrs. N. S. Douglas.
First Vice President—Mrs. W. H. Latourette.
Second Vice President—Mrs. A. B. Banks.
Third Vice President—Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. A. Johnson.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Hills.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. F. Joy.
Auditor—Mr. B. C. Wright.

The report was accepted and the Recording Secretary *pro tem.* was instructed to cast the ballot for the officers named. This was done.

The following Associational Secretaries were elected:

Sacramento River Association, Mrs. Chas. Carroll; South Central Association, Mrs. F. S. Lawrence; San Joaquin Valley Association, Mrs. A. C. Austin; American River Association, Mrs. R. R. Smith; Pacific Association, Mrs. A. B. Banks; Central Association, Mrs. J. M. Helsley.

The collection amounted to $7. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch.

The evening praise service was led by Mr. Jacques, Mrs. Jacques at the organ. Miss Ida May Egli gave an interesting account of the Chinese work, reading letters from Chinese pupils. Addresses fol-

lowed by our missionary workers, Rev. P. Peterson and Rev. F. S. Lawrence. The President appointed as Nominating Committee Mrs. Hobart, Mrs. Vesper, and Mrs. Brace; as Obituary Committee, Mrs. Featherstone and Mrs. Lawrence.

Our State Evangelist, Rev. W. M. McCart, then gave an address on his work in Modoc and Mendocino counties and in the San Joaquin Valley. It has been his hardest year. He has traveled nearly 5000 miles.

Mrs. Robert Whitaker of the Committee on Enrollment reported that at the afternoon session there had been present 64 delegates from 28 churches. One hundred and sixty were present in the evening.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. L. A. Johnson made a few remarks concerning our retiring President, Mrs. James Sunderland, who relinquished her office on account of having been chosen President of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of California. Mrs. Johnson expressed the Home Mission Board's appreciation of the faithful way in which Mrs. Sunderland has served as President of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the past.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. H. Hobart.

The Baptist Education Society of California

OFFICERS

President—Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D.
Vice President—Rev. Robert Whitaker.
Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. S. B. Randall.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Class 1 (term expires 1899)—Rev. S. B. Randall, Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., Rev. I. D. Wood.

Class 2 (term expires 1900)—Rev. J. Geo. Gibson, Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Rev. Robert Whitaker.

Class 4 (term expires 1901)—Rev. E. A. Woods, D.D., Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, J. LeRoy Dixon.

The California Baptist Education Society convened on Friday, August 4, at 11 A. M., in the Twin Lakes Auditorium. The President, Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., presided.

Addresses were made by the following: R. H. E. Espey, and Rev. A. J. Huguelet on "The Need of Consecrated Layman"; Prof. J. T. Wallace, Rev. W. L. Gaston and Rev. Thos. Baldwin, D.D., on "How to Get Them."

The report of the Treasurer, Prof. S. B. Randall, was presented as follows, and adopted:

California Baptist Education Society in account with S. B. Randall, Treas.

RECEIPTS

Mrs. J. G. Arthur, Los Gatos		$ 2 00	Oakland, Tenth Ave. Church		$15 00
Miss Desmarais, Los Gatos		1 00	Sacramento, First Ch		11 00
Mrs. Ralph, Stockton		1 00	" " B.Y.P.U.		7 10
Collection, State Convention		3 60	Eureka Church		5 15
Wadsworth, Nev., Church		1 00	Rev. W. L. Gaston		1 00
Middletown Church		2 00	San Jose, First Church		17 50
Alameda	"	15 00	San Francisco, Chinese Ch		5 10
Madera	"	12 40	Oakland, First Church		35 00
Tulare	"	2 10			
Berkeley	"	11 00	Total		$158 60
Salinas	"	10 65			

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid on account tuition of ministerial and Christian students, as per vouchers	$144 00	Printing Minutes, 1896–97	$ 3 60
California College	11 00	Total	$158 60

Respectfully submitted, S. B. RANDALL.

A collection amounting to five dollars was taken.

The officers of the previous year were re-elected.

E. R. BENNETT,
Secretary, pro tem.

The Pacific Baptist Theological Union of California

OFFICERS

President—Rev. James Sunderland, D.D.,
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. C. H. Hobart.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Robert Whitaker.
Treasurer—C. F. Baker.

DIRECTORS

Rev. C. H. Hobart	Rev. W. H. Latourette	Rev. S. C. Keetch
Rev. E. R. Bennett	Hon. H. E. McCune	Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D.
Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D.	Rev. J. Sunderland, D.D.	Rev. Robert Whitaker
Rev. T. S. Young	Mr. C. F. Baker	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. Sunderland, D.D.	Rev. Robert Whitaker	Rev. C. H. Hobart
Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D.	Mr. C. F. Baker	

The Annual Meeting of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union was held in the Auditorium, Twin Lakes, August 4, 1899, at 4 P. M., and was called to order by the President, Rev. James Sunderland.

After prayer, membership subscriptions were received from the following members: Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. A. M. Petty, R. R. Crane, W. A. Strong, Dr. T. B. Holmes, Rev. F. L. Sullivan, C. F. Baker, H. E. McCune, Rev. Robert Whitaker, A. P. Brown, Rev. C. M. Hill, Rev. S. C. Keetch, Rev. A. J. Huguelet.

The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. C. H. Hobart, then read his report as follows:

The importance of a theological education for the ministry of to-day is admitted by all. It is the conviction of an increasing number of our people that the Pacific Coast should furnish such an education. This is possible only through the establishment and maintenance of a theological school. The foundations of such an institution are already laid in the Pacific Baptist Theological Union.

During the past year a correspondence department has been established for the benefit of those who wished to pursue theological study and yet were not able exclusively to devote their time to it. What has been done in this direction will

be indicated in a report to follow by Rev. E. R. Bennett, who has been placed in charge of this work.

During the past year the Union has maintained a class in Bible study under the leadership of Professor Randall of California College, who has given a portion of his time to such instruction. This work should be continued and enlarged.

Steps have been taken in accordance with the instructions of the Union, and the Pacific Coast Baptist Theological Union has been incorporated.

Necessary legal transfers are being carefully effected, and the work of the Union will be placed on a firmer basis.

The educational conferences which have been held during the past year, and especially that held in connection with our National Anniversaries last May, have crystalized the conviction, for some time held by several of your Board, 1. That steps should be taken to locate the school at Berkeley. 2. That definite effort should be made toward securing an adequate endowment, so that necessary instructors could be employed to prosecute this work. 3. That as soon as an income is available sufficient to warrant the step a competent man be placed in charge of the school to give instruction, to solicit endowment funds, and in general to foster and develop the work of the Union.

C. H. HOBART,
Corresponding Secretary.

A report on the work of the Correspondence School was submitted, as follows, by Rev. E. R. Bennett, who is in charge of this department:

Report of the Theological Correspondence Class

This work was initiated last November, but months of correspondence was required before a class was formed and work actually begun. An efficient corps of instructors has been secured, composed as follows: Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D., Theology; Rev. C. H. Hobart, Homiletics; Rev. S. B. Randall, Old Testament History; Rev. Robert Whitaker, Church History; Rev. M. B. Shaw, Missionary; Rev. E. R. Bennett, New Testament Interpretation.

This work is done without expense to the student except a registration fee of one dollar, and the cost of necessary books, which, at lowest prices, is about eleven dollars.

The present class are all intending to follow up the course of study, while a good number of others have expressed their intention to begin in September.

The large correspondence reveals the fact that a large number feel the need of such an opportunity as this plan affords.

Respectfully,
E. R. BENNETT,
Superintendent of Instruction.

These reports were adopted.

There were brief addresses by Rev. E. R. Bennett and Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., on the work of the Union, followed by more formal speeches by Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., and Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D.

The election of Directors resulted in the choice of the following for the ensuing year:

Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. J. Sunderland, D.D., Rev. R. Whitaker, Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. C. M. Hill, D.D., Rev. S. C. Keetch, Mr. C. F. Baker, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Hon. H. E. McCune, Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., Rev. T. S. Young.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

The newly-elected Board of Directors of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union met in the Auditorium at Twin Lakes August 4, 1899, at 5 P. M. There were present Directors Hobart, Sunderland, Hill, Bennett, Keetch, Latourette, McCune, Banks, Young, Whitaker.

After prayer, Rev. James Sunderland, D.D., was elected President, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Robert Whitaker Recording Secretary, and C. F. Baker, Treasurer.

Rev. C. M. Hill was added to the above officers to fill out the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer's report not being present, the matter was referred to the Board of Directors, to which body he was asked to present such a report.

Adjourned till August 21, 1899, to meet in Oakland.

ROBERT WHITAKER,
Recording Secretary.

The Baptist Historical Society of California

OFFICERS

President—Rev. E. B. Hatch.
Vice President—Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D.
Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. W. H. Latourette.
Librarian—Prof. J. T. Wallace.

The Society met at Twin Lakes, August 4, 1899, the President, Rev. E. B. Hatch, presiding. After prayer by Rev. A. J. Huguelet, the enrollment of annual members was made by Rev. A. M. Petty and Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D., resulting in the addition of twelve names and the collecting of three dollars therefor.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. E. B. Hatch; Vice President, Rev. A. B. Banks, D.D.; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. H. Latourette; Librarian, Prof. J. T. Wallace.

The President announced that by a series of disappointments the usual annual address had not been secured. The time was then devoted to statements concerning the condition of the Society's collection of historical matter. Whereupon it was resolved that Rev. E. R. Bennett be asked to undertake the catalogueing of the historical papers now in the hands of the Society, and to make a beginning toward proper compilation of such material, and to secure or list materials now held in private hands. Rev. Robert Whitaker and the Secretary were to be associated with Brother Bennett in this work. It was voted that the same brethren secure a safe place of keeping for the records and historical matter of this Society.

It was also voted to memorialize the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California to designate the next annual meeting of said Convention as its forty-eighth anniversary.

After prayer by Deacon W. R. Strong the Society adjourned.

W. H. LATOURETTE,
Secretary.

REPORT OF

Treasurer of General Baptist Convention of California

For the Year 1898-99

RECEIPTS

Alameda	$ 84 35	
Alameda—S.S.		2 91
Alameda—B. Y. P. U.	15 00	
Anderson—S. S.		17 10
Aptos	10 00	
Berkeley—Church	44 80	
Berkeley—S. S.		5 20
Burney	2 00	
Caspar	5 05	
Chico—Church	5 00	
Chico—S. S.		9 50
Ceres—Church	40 00	
Ceres—S. S.		3 00
Cloverdale	3 50	
Cloverswale	10 00	
Clovis	2 00	
Covelo	33 35	
Dinuba	25 00	
Dixon	122 84	
Eureka	41 50	
Exeter	9 00	
Fort Bragg	25 55	
Fresno	77 60	
Fresno—Chinese S. S.		1 00
Golden Gate—Church	54 00	
Golden Gate—S. S.		4 03
Gonzales	21 00	
Healdsburg	30 00	
Imusdale	6 00	
Kelseyville	7 50	
Inwood	14 00	
Lakeport	6 50	
Laytonville	1 05	
Los Gatos	1 25	
Lemoore	1 50	
Forward	$699 34	$42 74

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Madera—Church	40 40	
Madera—L'dies' Aid Soc.	5 35	
Madera—S. S.		4 68
Madera—B. Y. P. U.		4 25
Marysville—Mt. Olivet	8 00	
Maxwell	10 00	
Mendocino	3 30	
Merced	12 50	
Middletown	18 00	
Millville	20 00	
Morgan Hill—Church	15 00	
Morgan Hill—S.S.		2 07
Mountain View	23 00	
Napa	20 00	
Oakland—		
First Church	390 22	
" " S. S.		14 35
" " C. E.	19 00	
Gray Mem'rial		4 28
Elisha Higgins Mem'l		3 85
Tenth Ave. Church	215 20	
Tenth Ave. S. S.		10 85
Beth Eden	18 00	
Chinese	30 00	
Twenty-third Ave.	113 00	
" " S. S.		8 00
Dano-Norwegian Ch.	28 00	
" S. S.		4 00
" B.Y.P.U.	4 00	
Swedish	20 00	
Ono	20 00	
Orland	10 00	
Orosi	10 50	
Palo Alto	20 50	
Parkfield	17 00	
Forward	$1790 31	$99 07

Forward	$1790 31	$99 07
Petaluma	8 00	
" S. S.		3 00
Philo	15 00	
Pine Creek	6 00	
Pollaskey	3 00	
Porterville	8 00	
Porter Creek	$ 2 15	
Reedley	10 00	
Red Bluff—Ch.	25 00	
" S. S.		15 00
Redding	21 65	
Round Mountain	10 00	
Sacramento—		
First Ch.	164 00	
" " S. S.		14 00
" " Y. P. Soc.	3 63	
Calvary Ch.	48 25	
" S. S.		5 00
Emmanuel	30 00	
Oak Park	12 00	
Salinas—Church	13 50	
" S. S.		5 10
San Francisco—		
First Ch.	298 75	
" " S. S.		8 00
Dr. Whitney	25 00	
Mr. and Mrs. Vining	100 00	
Emmanuel	100 00	
Hamilton Sq. Ch.	61 00	
" " S. S.		10 00
Chinese Ch	20 00	
" S. S.		3 00
Swedish Ch.	70 00	
" S. S.		5 00
Sanger	11 50	
San Jose—		
Tabernacle	200 00	
Emmanuel	50 00	
Swedish Ch.	10 00	
" S. S.		6 40
Forward	$3116 74	$173 57

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San Pablo	27 00	
Santa Clara	30 00	
Santa Cruz—Church.	27 00	
" " S. S.		4 00
" " B.Y.P.U.	1 70	
Santa Rosa—Church	60 00	
" " C. E.	34 10	
Sebastopol	4 50	
Selma	5 00	
St. Helena	13 75	
Stockton—		
First Ch.	65 50	
Faith Mission	12 00	
A Friend	5 00	
Towle	30 00	
Tulare	21 10	
Upper Lake	16 00	
Vacaville	25 00	
Vallejo	85 00	
Verdi, Nev.	1 60	
Waterford	6 50	
Watsonville—Ch.	12 75	
" S. S.		7 25
Selma, Salinas miss'ns	9 45	
Wheatland—S. S.		7 40
" B.Y.P.U.	1 25	
Willows		150 00
Woodland	20 00	
W. H. M. S. of Cal.	807 78	
On acc't Minutes	6 00	
Mrs. Cox, Ukiah	1 00	
Mrs. Miller, Caspar	1 00	
Rev. Wm. Mullen	2 50	
Rev. J. S. Ross	10 00	
Mrs. R. P. Squire.	1 00	
Rev. E. I. Sandford	4 00	
W. A. Stidtson	10 00	
Robert Whitaker	10 00	
Tong Kit Hing	6 00	
Blanks sold Associat'ns	95	
	$4641 17	$192 22

MISSIONARIES' RECEIPTS

J. L. Allen	$ 91 00	P. Peterson	12 95
G. W. Disher	100 00	Tong Kit Hing	6 00
J. M. Green	46 10	Frank H. Webster	21 65
J. T. Hollenbeck	12 50	I. D. Wood	8 00
F. S. Lawrence	93 50	Robert Whitaker	$1148 15
W. M. McCart	189 15		
			$1729 00

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance last report	$ 283 62	Forward	$5117 01
Receipts per list	4833 39	Paid warrants—No. 79	25 00
Paid warrants—No. 69	5 00	" 80	2 50
" 70	5 00	Acc't Printing Minutes	50 00
" 71	10 00	Sent to New York	500 00
" 72	70 00	" " " "	750 00
" 73	3 50	" " " "	1250 00
" 75	4 30	Mis'naries' rec'ts list'd	1729 00
" 77	45 00	Balance	654 11
" 78	13 60		
Forward	$5117 01		$5117 01 $5117 01

EDIFICE FUND

Balance last report	$169 91	
To rent Modesto church	2 00	
By warrant No. 74		78 00
Taxes and Insurance, Modesto		15 33
Balance		78 58
	$171 91	$171 91

Special Fund—not yet assigned	$100 00
Colporteur Fund—Overdrawn	699 00

Vouchers herewith.

E. AND O. E.

Oakland, Cal., August 1, 1899. C. F. BAKER, *Treasurer.*

EAST OAKLAND, CAL., September 1, 1899.

To the General Baptist Convention of Northern and Central California:

We have examined the Treasurer's report for 1898–99 and compared it with vouchers and receipts, and have found it correct in every particular.

R. H. E. ESPEY.
CLYDE CORRIGAN.

REPORT OF

Treasurer of Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society

Of California

From August 1, 1898, to August 1, 1899

MISSIONARY FUND

RECEIPTS

Alameda ($10 to make Mrs. Sayles a life member)	$ 35 00
Anderson	3 00
Auburn	1 00
Berkeley ($10 to make Mrs. Alice Esterley life member; special $5 from Mrs. Mary Haight	25 00
Covelo	2 00
Ceres	3 25
Dixon	32 44
Dinuba	2 00
Danish Church, East Oakland	10 00
Emmett	1 50
Fresno—First	6 50
Gonzales	6 00
Golden Gate	20 65
Healdsburg	3 00
King City	1 60
Los Gatos	6 50
Morgan Hill	5 00
Mountain View	3 50
Maxwell	3 00
Mendocino	3 00
Napa	10 00
Orland	3 00
Oleander	1 45
Oakland—First ($50 from Mrs. Higgins to make Mrs. L. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Lyon, Mrs. H. A. Pratt, Mrs. E. S. Felton, Mrs. M. C. Lake, life members)	144 25
Oakland—Tenth Ave. ($10 to make Miss Jessie Huff life member; $5 from Mrs. Sunderland for W. B. H. M. of Chicago)	75 00
Oakland—Twenty-third Ave.	23 85
Petaluma	8 35
Forward	$439 84

Forward	$439 84
Palo Alto	3 50
Penryn	3 00
Redding	5 00
Red Bluff	20 00
San Francisco—First (life members, Mrs. A. B. Forbes, Mrs. H. Haslam, Mrs. Malliett, Mrs. Brace, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Seeber	84 55
San Francisco—Hamilton Square	15 00
" " " " Sen Sen Circle	3 00
San Francisco—Emmanuel	15 00
" " Chinese	5 50
San Jose—First	37 40
" " Emmanuel	8 00
Santa Clara	5 00
Santa Cruz	25 04
Stockton—First	16 00
Selma	4 60
Sacramento—First	24 70
Calvary	15 00
St. Helena	11 75
Towle	5 00
Tulare	3 00
Ukiah	5 00
Woodland	5 00
Wadsworth	6 40
Winters	3 00
Waterford	3 00
Willows	37 50
Watsonville—Danish	3 00
	$812 78

DISBURSEMENTS

C. F. Baker, Treasurer	$807 78
Miss Burdett	5 00
	$812 78

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	11 08
Collection at Twin Lakes	9 00
" " South Central Association	4 30
" " Central Association	8 26
" " Sacramento River Association	2 60
" " San Joaquin Association	1 40
" " Pacific Association	5 20
" " American River Association	1 90
Quarterly Collections from San Francisco and Alameda County	10 17
Forward	$53 91

Forward	$53 91
Mrs. Penyor	30
Hamilton Square Church	1 50
First Church, San Francisco	17 60
Emmanuel Church, San Francisco	5 00
Tenth Avenue Church, East Oakland	6 00
First Church, Oakland	5 00
Alameda	3 50
Mrs. C. T. Coulson	3 00
Returned by Mrs. L. A. Johnson (expenses to Woodland)	2 65
	$98 46

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. L. A. Johnson (postage)	$14 80
Miss Emily Pratt "	1 75
" Rice "	2 00
" M. A. Ham "	1 10
Mrs. Charles Carroll "	2 00
" J. M. Helsley "	1 00
" R. R. Smith "	1 00
" A. C. Austin "	2 00
" G. A. Young "	1 00
" E. F. Joy "	2 70
" L. A. Johnson, expenses to San Jose and Woodland	7 00
Carruth & Carruth, printing	6 75
J. F. Sullivan, receipt book	25
Mrs. Whitney, expressage on literature	5 16
Miss Burdett " " "	1 00
Mrs. J. Sunderland, expenses to American River Association	1 90
" " " " " Pacific Association	1 50
" G. W. Shriner, boarding missionaries May Anniversaries.	37 25
" L. A. Johnson, expenses to Twin Lakes, 1899	5 00
Miss Ida Spencer, book	85
	$96 01
Balance on hand	$2 45

CHINESE KINDERGARTEN

RECEIVED

East Oakland—Tenth Avenue Juniors	$2 50
Alameda Juniors	65
Oakland First Juniors	5 80
Redding Primary	2 45
Red Bluff Juniors	1 75
First Church, Oakland—Chinese Mission	2 50
	$15 65

DISBURSEMENTS

Miss M. J. Ames	$15 65

CASH ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Balance on hand	$ 11 08		
August 31, 1898	34 40	August 31, 1898	$ 2 00
September 30, 1898	29 02	September 30, 1898	32 20
October 31, 1898	39 06	October 31, 1898	33 90
November 30, 1898	44 45	November 30, 1898	3 00
December 31, 1898	49 15	December 31, 1898	53 65
January 31, 1899	41 15	January 31, 1899	85 00
February 28, 1899	75 05	February 28, 1899	59 25
March 31, 1899	268 08	March 31, 1899	265 00
April 30, 1899	38 60	April 30, 1899	59 50
May 31, 1899	41 05	May 31, 1899	9 56
June 30, 1899	90 95	June 30, 1899	86 75
July 31, 1899	164 85	July 31, 1899	234 63
	$926 89		$924 44
Balance on hand	$2 45		

TRIAL BALANCE

Cash account	$2 45	
Expense account		$2 45
	$2 45	$2 45

Attested and found correct.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, *Auditor.*

MRS. E. F. JOY, *Treasurer.*

Life Members of W. B. H. M. Society

Miss M. Bamford
Mrs. J. U. Bradway*
" C. F. Baker
Miss Ella Berger
Mrs. M. P. Boynton
" G. Brace
" E. M. Chapman*
" Dorcas Clark
" F. C. Caton
Miss Sarah Coleman
" J. C. Fielding
Mrs. Alice Esterly
Mrs. L. Dodge
" H. Garthwaite
" Mary Gilchrist*
" C. H. Hobart
" Eliza Higgins
" L. P. Hines
Miss Alice Harvey
Mrs. Mary A. Hills
" J. F. Lyons
" Wm. Meeks
" H. H. Mitchell
" M. A. Pine
Miss Mabel Parker
Mrs. W. H. Barnes
" Ella Bradway Paine
" E. A. Berger

Miss Lillian Berger
" C. S. Capp*
" Ella Clinton
" L. M. Cheshire
" W. D. Douglas
" I. S. Eshleman
" E. H. Gray*
" J. H. Garnett
Miss M. A. Ham
Mrs. E. B. Hunkins
Miss C. P. Hall
Mrs. Wm. Harvey
Miss C. Harvey
" Fannie Lottimer
Mrs. O. J. McKinnon
" Ellen Mason
" J. F. Moody
" C. W. Perkins
" E. A. Phillips
" L. A. Remington
" G. Reiman
" A. J. Sturtevant*
" A. C. Storer
" Sallie Wilson
Miss Augusta Williams
" Alice Walker
" Aggie Reynolds
Mrs. M. A. Stratton
Mrs. W. F. Binney

Mrs. John Stevens
" O. M. Vesper
" O. K. Wright
" Sarah E. White
" Mary Gardner
" W. C. Spencer
" D. J. Pierce*
" J. Boyd
" Milton French
" N. Larzelere
" W. C. Coulsen
" B. C. Wright
" M. W. Hamma
" E. F. Joy
" Amanda Egli
" Jennie Wilson
Miss Jessie Huff
Mrs. A. S. Sayles
" J. L. Lyons
" L. A. Johnson
" A. H. Pratt
" E. S. Felton
" M. C. Leake
" A. B. Forbes
" H. Haslam
" Jessie Malliet
" A. E. Woods
" C. Seeker

*Deceased.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

JULY 31, 1898, TO JULY 31, 1899

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—Moderator, L. W. ELLIOTT, Stockton. Clerk, BENJ. C. WRIGHT, San Francisco. Treasurer, G. W. FRASER, Golden Gate.

Organized.	CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	MEMBERSHIP: Increase: By Baptism	Increase: By Letter	Increase: Experience	Increase: Total	Decrease: Letter	Decrease: Exclusion	Decrease: Erasure	Decrease: Death	Decrease: Total	Present Membership	BENEVOLENCE: State Convention	For'gn Missions	Home Missions of New York	Publication Soc.	Education	Other Objects	Total Benevolence	Church Expenses, including Pastor's Salary	Church Improvements	Total Raised for All Purposes	Total Value of Church Property
'77	Alameda	T. Baldwin, D.D	Miss Mattie Torson		3	2	5	3			3	6	120	$84	$30		..	$15	$17	$146	$1350	$201	$1697	$10000
'89	Berkeley		W. P. Boynton	3	8	...	11	2	...	....	2	4	97	44	32	.....	.....	11	18	105	575	284	964	10000
	Ceres	J. M. Helsley	Mrs. A. E. Ulch		1		1	3				3	53	40	...	..	.....		20	60	308	....	368	5000
'54	Oakland—First	C. H. Hobart	L. F. Frederick	44	38	3	85	11				11	634	637	229	20	10	57	455	1811	4152	1392	7157	34400
'60	10th Ave	C. M. Hill, D.D	G. W. Howard	29	15		44	14		1	5	20	300	225	345	50	..	15	203	788	3000	1550	6095	15000
'88	23d Ave	E. R. Bennett	W. C. Granlund	6	9	3	18	14	8	3	1	26	260	163	20	6	.....	....	60	249	1596	25	1927	1500
'90	Beth Eden	J. L. Allen	B. W. Brown	5	2	2	11	1	...	.....		1	44	18	7	....	1		45	350	70	30	1108	3300
'91	Dan. Norw'n	A. Tychson	Otto Peterson	.....	10	...	10	4	...	1	3	8	49	36	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	699	.....	763	3600
'85	Swedish	A. W. Backlund	J. T. Norrby	5	13	2	20	4	2	...		6	124	....	117	14	....	...	143	351	972	.....	1366	6000
'49	San Fran.-First	F. A. Woods, D.D.	O. C. Pope	15	18	3	36	17	5	....	3	25	563	411	148	.....	....	...	384	643	5000	500	7647	9000
'69	Emmanuel	J. Geo. Gibson	C. E. Whitham	6	20	....	26	5	....	....	2	7	144	48	16	.	.....	.....	350	414	2400	200	2898	2400
'81	Hamilton Sq.	W. C. Jenkins	F. L. Moss	1	9	...	10	1	...	11	1	13	137	.....	17	6	.....	.....	.....	23	1500	.....	1523	7500
'54	Third	Jas. H. Kelley	T. B. Morton	18	1	13	32	.....	1	....	2	3	116	23	11	....	..	..	28	62	2115	1300	3477	30000
'80	Chinese	Tong Kit Hing	Herman Lowe	10	2	1	13	1	..		..	1	88	20	60	45	10	7	20	162	1000	50	570	20000
'84	German	.....	.....	16	9	1	26	6	2	2	..	10	143	70	65	5	....	7	122	343	1000	1200	2543	9000
'89	Swedish	Charles Palm	W. O. Peterson	16	12	4	32	3	2	..		5	129	33	61	20	.....	8	205	327	2130	.	2457	11400
'91	Golden Gate	S. C. Keetch	W. P. Joseph	4	.....	1	5	9	...	....	3	12	116	49	17	....	.....	.....	10	76	1000	25	1100	4000
'90	San Pablo	W. A. Chapman	Mabel A. Johnson	4	.....	.	4	...	...	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	.. ..	.....	2300
'87	†Sonora	.....	Mrs. W. H. Roblen	1	...		1	.....	...	...	...	...	35	....	6	....	...	...	...	.....	184		.....	
'53	Stockton—First	S. J. Nunn	R. W. Dodge	3	1	2	6	9	..	1	4	14	218	60	18	....	.....	.....	... ...	78	1117	80	1275	9200
	*Second	.....	.....	...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	25	....	...	....	...	..	.....	.....	... ..		... ...	1500
'93	Waterford	J. M. Helsley	Mrs. D.C.Pinkston	....	.....		....	1	...	..	1	2	14	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	226	. ...	232	2675
			Total	186	171	37	396	108	20	19	30	177	3443	$1961	$1227	$172	$21	$120	$2080	$6052	$30994	$6837	$45167	$197775

SACRAMENTO RIVER ASSOCIATION.—Moderator, Rev. Geo. E. Dye, Willows. Clerk, Rev. F. N. Baker, Maxwell. Treasurer, A. E. Duncan, Willows.

Organized.	Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Membership: Increase: By Baptism	Increase: By Letter	Increase: By Experience	Increase: Total	Decrease: Letter	Decrease: Exclusion	Decrease: Erasure	Decrease: Death	Decrease: Total	Present Membership	Benevolence: State Convention	Foreign Missions	Home Missions of New York	Publication Soc.	Education	Other Objects	Total Benevolence	Church Expenses, including Pastor's Salary	Church Improvements	Total Raised for All Purposes	Total Value of Church Property
'89	Anderson	B. F. Farmer	Mrs. M. Hubbard		3		3						80								$500	$500	$1000	$1000
	*Arbuckle		M. J. E. Jones										35											
	Biggs		Mrs. Munn										12											
	*Chico	M. Slaughter	W. O. Graeber										105											4500
	*Cohasset												34											500
'91	Corning	A. J. Cable											13											
'96	Cottonwood	B. F. Farmer	Deacon Walker	1			1				2	2	36											
	Grand Island		Ida Vann										26											3000
	*Inwood		John T. McCart										12											
	Maxwell	Frank N. Baker	F. J. Cook										69											2000
	Meridian	No report.																						
'95	Millville	Geo. E. Davis	D. T. Shearin		2		2	5				5	46								120		120	
	Mill Creek	A. F. Randall	H. L. Gimblin	3		1	4			9	1	10	12											
'79	Plateau	A. F. Randall	Miss Fannie Baker	4		1	5				1	1	29								$35	6	41	550
'73	Orland	Frank N. Baker	W. W. Thomas		3		3		2		1	3	110		$10	$10					20	400	920	2500
	Ono	W. S. Kidder	Mrs. E. H. Peterson										29		5		$3				8		8	
	Red Bluff	Chas. Carroll	Julia Pendleton	9	6	10	25	4			2	6	155	$ 25	30						55	725	1245	2800
'87	Redding	Frank H. Webster	Mrs. Edith Lyons	3	9	8	20	1	1	13		15	73	21						$2	23	694	190	804	3000
	Round M't'n	Geo. E. Davis	D. W. Phillips										18	10										
'82	Willows	Geo. E. Dye	Chas. Keeran	6	1	1	8	7		13		20	189	150	26				30	206	1500		1706	4000
			Total	26	24	21	71	17	3	35	7	62	1083	$206	$71	$10	$3		$32	$347	$3945	$1590	$5844	$23850

* From Sacramento River Associational Report, October, 1898. ‡ Postoffice, Whitmore.

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION.—Moderator, REV. A. D. SMITH, Oleander. Clerk, F. M. REED, Porterville. Treasurer, W. A. DURHAM, Selma.

Organized.	CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	MEMBERSHIP										BENEVOLENCE							Church Expenses, including Pastor's Salary	Church Improvements	Total Raised for All Purposes	Total Value of Church Property
				Increase				Decrease																
				By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Total	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Total	Present Membership	State Convention	For'gn Missions	Home Missions of New York	Publication Soc.	Education	Other Objects	Total Benevolence				
	*Armona	J. N. Burroughs	A. D. Shay					9	1			10	68		$3					$3	$250		$253	
'97	*Clovis	James DeMant	W. O. Thompson	8	1	6	15	4				4	40	$3	1					4				
	Delano		E. N. Smith										26		1					1	10		11	$450
	*Dinuba	A. C. Austin	W. T. Pyott	3	2		5	1				1	38			$25				25			26	
	Exeter		Mrs. E. S. Balaam	5			5				1	1	41	8	14					22	300		360	1000
	Fresno	Arthur P. Brown	C. R. Bonsel	17	12	11	40	12	1		2	15	258	84						84	1500		1584	
	*Hanford	J. N. Burroughs	Mrs. M. L. Buckner		9	2	11	10	2		1	13	35		5					5	351		356	
'84	Lemoore	G. Burroughs	Cora Blakeley		1		1	1				1	58								275		275	1000
	Lindsay		C. O. Cowles	3	3	2	8	1				1	17		9					9	129		138	1200
'90	Madera	J. D. Green	F. E. Smith	7	1		8	3			2	5	73	40	30			$9	$136	215	600		853	1000
'87	Malaga		Ellen Bishop		2		2	1				1	45								40		40	400
'91	Merced			1	2	1	4	1				1	13	3						3			106	
	*Orosi	A. C. Austin	A. J. Dye		2	1	3	2			1	3	77								98		98	
'94	Polasky		Annie Corrick					7	3	2		12	6			3				3			3	
	Porterville		F. M. Reed		4	5	9	2				2	15	8					1	9			170	
	Reedley		F. S. Knauer							14		14	20								33		33	1500
	*Sanger	Jas. DeMant																						
	Selma	G. W. Donnel	A. E. Bigelow	5	8	4	17	11		5	1	17	100		14	10	$4	15		43	625	$500	1212	3500
	Tulare	J. M. Green	Lulu Fry	4	6	2	12	3			2	5	73	19	12					31	479		510	3300
	Wheatville	No report.																						
	Woodville	No report.																						
			Total	53	53	34	140	68	7	21	10	106	1003	$165	$89	$38	$4	$24	$137	$456	$4690	$500	$6028	$13550

* From San Joaquin Association Report, May, 1898.

SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.—Moderator, J. M. HELSLEY, Gonzales. Clerk, Z. L. ORCUTT, San Jose. Treasurer, W. M. PENCE, Salinas.

Organized.	CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	MEMBERSHIP										BENEVOLENCE									
				Increase				Decrease															
				By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Total	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death	Total	Present Membership	State Convention	Foreign Missions	Home Missions of New York	Publication Soc.	Education	Other Objects	Total Benevolence	Church Expenses, including Pastor's Salary	Church Improvements	Total Raised for All Purposes	Total Value of Church Property
'93	Aptos	E. B. Hatch	Matilda Dunham	6		1	7	1			1	1	19	$10					$14	$24	$103		$127	$ 500
'84	Gonzales		J. H. Bookenoogen		5		5				1	1	57								290		290	4000
'97	*Hollister		J. M. Pickett		7		7	2		1		3	19								300			4000
'81	*Imusdale		J. M. Harris										12											
'92	*Kings City		W. J. Downing										25											2000
	Laguna		A. G. Berry																					
'84	Los Gatos		N. E. Beckwith	5			5	19	3	5	1	28	67								725		725	5000
'89	Mt. View	F. S. Lawrence	Mrs. A. M. Crittenden	11			11						35	25	$6				31		250		293	3500
'93	Morgan Hill		Ivan Brison										70											2100
'80	Pleyto		Geo. Shayer										28											550
	Palo Alto		Jas. Stroner										19											
'74	Salinas	M. R. Wolfe	W. M. Pence	5	7		12	7			1	8	87	10	6			10	12	38	700	$85	839	2500
'50	San Jose, First	J. S. Young	Ida May Carpenter	10	35	12	57	27	8		7	42	447	213	84			9	52	358	2871		3574	40600
'55	" " Emm'l	F. S. Lawrence	R. W. Smith	2			2	3				3	66	50	12					62	365		428	2000
	" " Swedish	A. B. Orgren	Ruth E. Orgren	10	10	2	22						22	16		$10		1	500	527	243		784	3000
'88	San Lucas		Minta Huff	2			2	1			1	2	11								15		15	1000
'51	Santa Clara		W. J. Burrell	1	3		4	3	1	1		5	56		22	30				52	320		372	3000
'67	Santa Cruz	E. H. Hayden	Fred L. Bixby	11	5	3	19						150	25	20			3	6	54	1023		1153	8000
'97	Watsonville	P. Peterson	J. C. Nelson	1	4		5						19	15	13			5	14	47	272		324	
			Total	64	76	18	158	63	12	7	11	93	1209	$364	$163	$40		28	$598	$1193	$7477	$85	$8924	$81750

* From South Central Association Report, 1898.

AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION. Moderator, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Sacramento. Clerk, D. D. Stryker, Penryn. Treasurer, B. Browning, Penryn.

'92	Auburn		Mrs. E. A. Chapman		2		2	6			2	8	20												$ 500
'96	Oak Park	A. C. Herrick, Sac.	E. S. Mason	28	3	5	36	1		2		3	61			$12				$12	$560				1500
'96	*Christian Vall'y		R. Evans										15												
'79	Penryn		B. Browning										64												1000
'97	*Penn Valley		Mrs. H. P. Watt										19												
'75	Reno, Nev	B. F. Hudelson	G. W. Perkins	33	7	25	67	4		8	1	13	130		$23								$3243		8300
'71	Sac. Calvary	S. G. Adams	G. W. Shoemaker	35	17	6	58	17			4	21	211	$74	26		5			105	1500		1775		6000
'89	" Emmanuel	A. J. Sturtevant	Chas. A. Beesley	9		2	11	6				6	97		40	30			$45	115	950		1078		3500
'96	Towle	J. H. Hargreaves	Lucy A. Curtis		6		6	3				3	29			35				35	615		650		800
'96	Wadsworth		A. C. Lewis	1	2	1	4	1				1	20						8	8					
'76	*Wheatland		B. F. Dam										76												2500
			Total	106	37	39	184	38		10	7	55	742	$74	$89	$77	$5		$53	$275	$3625		$6746		$24100

* From American River Association Minutes of 1898.

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION. Moderator, Rev. W. L. Gaston, Santa Rosa. Clerk, G. W. York, Napa. Treasurer, W. M. Jenks, Sacramento.

'56	Dixon	A. M. Petty	Mrs. L. Lillard	6		1	7	2			2	4	135	$112	$30			$34		$176	$1920		$2006		$8500
	Healdsburg	W. C. Driver	Ethel Hicks	19	18	5	42	5	4		3	12	168	30	7					37	836	$142	1024		3000
'90	Middletown	N. F. Hoyt	N. B. Dearborn	6	1	1	8	2		5	1	8	51		5	$18		3		26	171		315		1000
	*Napa		J. P. Twyman	1	3		4				6	6	111		7	7				14	700				5000
'53	*Petaluma		Adelaide Stevens	1	10		11				2	2	64	10	4	6				20	471		491		2500
'50	Sacramento, 1st	A. B. Banks	D. J. Davis	62	19	16	97	13			5	18	400	164	31			11	$213	419	3084		3503		20000
'54	St. Helena		W. J. G. Dawson								2	2	45		7	14				21	148		169		3000
'52	*Santa Rosa	W. L. Gaston	H. E. Ricksecker	5	21	10	52			1	1	2	202	24	19				15	58	1075		1133		8000
'71	*Vacaville		E. F. Pinkham	36	11	18	65	3	2		1	6	120	23	10		$3			36	480		516		3000
'09	Vallejo	N. L. Freeman	Mrs. S. J. Farrington	4	4	3	11	3		15	1	19	99	85	88				506	680	1292	30	2002		5500
	*Winters		Mrs. N. Morris										60												3000
'74	Woodland	J. H. Storms	W. A. Watkins	6	6	2	14	5		9	1	15	93			20				20	800		820		4500
			Total	146	93	56	341	33	6	30	25	94	1548	$448	$208	$65	$3	$48	$734	$1507	$10977	$172	$11979		$67000

* From last year's Minutes.

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION.—Moderator, Rev. B. F. Farmer. Clerk, Rev. G. W. Disher, Covelo. Treasurer, R. P. White, Upper Lake.

Organized.	Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Membership: Increase: By Baptism	Increase: By Letter	Increase: Experience	Increase: Total	Decrease: Letter	Decrease: Exclusion	Decrease: Erasure	Decrease: Death	Decrease: Total	Present Membership	Benevolence: State Convention	Foreign Missions	Home Missions of New York	Publication Soc.	Education	Other Objects	Total Benevolence	Church Expenses, including Pastor's Salary	Church Improvements	Total Raised for All Purposes	Total Value of Church Property
'95	Bethel	G. W. Disher	C. Bucknell		2	1	3	2				2	48	$21	$4					$25	$200	$40	$272	$1000
'70	*Casper		F. Kelley										33											500
'87	Fort Bragg		C. W. Mathews	21	13	5	39	3			1	4	105			$26				26	1000		1500	3000
'97	‡Garberville		Belle Jones										23											
'94	Hollow Tree		‡L. S. Neighbor					3				3	8											1500
	*Lakeport		Miss Haycock										71											
'94	*Long Valley	G. W. Disher	‡M. V. McAninch										17											700
'93	*Mendocino	J. S. Ross	C. H. Joy										10											
'92	*Point Arena		Mrs. M.A. Higgins										17											
'94	*Philo		Mrs. L. Beach										25											500
'59	*Ukiah	R. T. Grey	Mrs. A. Smith										233											4000
	*Upper Lake		R. P. White										41											
'84	Willits		Mrs. Artie Upp		1			2				2	71											800
	Westport		Wm. Dunn										42											700
	Eureka	T. H. Stevens	Mrs. J. W. Marvel	3	5	4	12	7				7	92	34	24				$7	65	818		884	4000
			Total	24	21	10	54	17			1	18	836	$55	$28	$26			$7	$116	$2018	$40	$2656	$16700

RECAPITULATION

Central	186	171	37	396	108	20	19	30	177	3443	$1961	$1227	$172	$21	$120	$2080	$6052	$30994	$6837	$45167	$197775
South Central	64	76	18	158	63	12	7	11	93	1209	364	163	40	....	28	598	1193	7477	85	8924	81750
American River	106	37	39	184	38		10	7	55	742	74	89	77	5	....	53	275	3625	.....	6746	24100
Pacific	146	93	56	341	33	6	30	25	94	1548	448	208	65	3	48	734	1507	10977	172	11979	67000
San Joaquin	53	53	34	140	68	7	21	10	106	1003	165	89	38	4	24	137	456	4690	500	6028	13550
Clear Lake	24	21	10	54	17			1	18	836	55	28	26	....	....	7	116	2018	40	2656	167000
Sacramento River	26	24	21	71	17	3	35	7	62	1083	206	71	10	3	.....	32	347	3945	1590	5844	23850
Total	605 *a*	475	215	1344	344	48	122	91	605	9864 *b*	$3273 *c*	$1875	$428	$36	$220	$3641	$9946	$63726	$8224	$87344	$424725

* From Clear Lake Association Report, October, 1898. ‡ Postoffice: Monroe, Cal. ‖ Postoffice: Covelo. Cal. ⁊ Postoffice: Laytonville, Cal.

a—Other baptisms by Gospel Wagon Band and in unaffiliated churches will increase this total to nearly 700, probably the best record ever made since the Convention was organized. *b*—As there are a number of Baptist organizations in the State not affiliated, the total of membership will exceed 10,000. *c*—The total received for State Convention, not reckoning that contributed by the W. B. H. M. Society, was about $1000 more than this amount. Many churches do not report their offerings.

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STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

JULY 31, 1898, TO JULY 31, 1899

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Organized.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTEND'TS	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	Baptized	Expenses	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Publication	Education	Total Contributions	PRESIDENT	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Members	YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS: Home Expenses	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
'77	Alameda	T. T. Woodruff	12	75	56	.	$57	$3	$3	...	$30	...	$38	H. H. Parker	Clara Reid	31	$4	$5	$15	.....	$5	$ 5	$30
'89	Berkeley	F. R. Watson	....	.....	....	.....	60	1	8	.....	....	$2	39	Nellie Clough	C. O. Esterley	40	35						
'79	Ceres	C. N. Whitmore	10	50	40	.....	50	.....	3	.....	....	....	13	Florence B. Ulch	A. E. Ulch	28	10	....	5	.....	....	10	15
'91	Golden Gate	G. W. Fraser	18	159	101	2	165	5	10			....	15	Hattie Bromley	Pearl Nichelson	41	5	5	5	....	..	.	15
'54	Oakland—First	A. A. Davis	34	250	145		125	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	C. F. Baker	Helen J. Cone	80	....	12	....	$19	.. ..	106	138
'74	Chinese	Mrs. Amanda Egli	9	45	25	13	175																
'61	10th Ave	J. Plaw, Fruitvale	29	258	175	20	250	22	10		7		50	Ralph Pruett	G. A. Dunnet	56	26	15	6	..	.	17	38
'88	23d Ave	Prof. J. T. Wallace	21	177	165	5	100		....	..	8	5	13	Chas. Garth	Lucy Fake	43	10	11	..	...	.	6	17
	23d Ave. Mis'n	W. C. Granlund	7	50	35	....	25	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	Mrs. J. G. Searles	W. Emeil	30	5						
'90	Beth Eden	Mrs. L. B. Allen	6	60	38	2	21																
'91	Dan. Norw'n	Chas. Nelson	9	74	58	2	96	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	Nora Tychsen	Marie Kaas	12	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
'85	Swedish	G. Gustafson	7	40	40	2	42	....	....		..	..		Lena Hagstrom	Nettie Olsen	40	..	50	....	. .	. .	....	50
'49	San Fran. First	A. A. Mecenda	33	400	240	4	300	24	....	$108	.	....	151	Dr. H. A. Hes	Marion Smith	29	180	37	....	....	....	12	49
	Bethesda	H. J. Mitchell	12	100	50	....	250																
	Galilee	J. A. Wiles	6	40	20	...	75																
'68	Emmanuel	M. W. Dornock	12	130	100		80	..	30	.	9	. .	59	Sadie Dean	Miss G. Falkner	40	50	....	20	....	..	....	20
'81	Hamilton Sq.	John Sempey	17	180	112	1	105	3	.....	3	.....	.....	6	M. A. Bryte	...	45	14	....	.....	.....	.....	14	14
'54	Third	Mary L. Rice	15	115	75	...	75	6		.....	.....	.....	....	Mrs. Anna Martin	Minnie Scott	43	34	10	13	....	.....	.....	23
'79	Chinese	Martha J. Ames	6	50	20	.....	6	.....	6	.....	...	.....	13	Lum Lun	Seen Young	80	73						
'89	"	Martha J. Ames	5	75	44	2	9																
'92	Swedish	Chas. Palm	12	130	85	7	100	.....	5	....	....	.....	5	O. Warner	J. Johnson	40							
'96	"	A. Bryngdon	6	60	40									Miss L. Wood	C. Rumsill	35	200						
'90	San Pablo	Mable A. Johnson	7	.....	25	4	20	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	C. H. McKay	Mrs. Geo. Williams	33	....	....	10				
'53	Stockton—First	Chas. A. Beecher	12	.....	70	.....	60																
	Faith Mission	C. S. Bareford	20	201	109	....	120																
	Northwest "	... ...	5	50	25	.....	18																
'91	Waterford	Mrs. D. C. Pinkston	7	61	45	.....	42	.....	.....	....	1	...	....	G. Y. Hughes	Mrs. A. Bradley	14							
		Total	337	2930	1038	64	$2426	$64	$75	$111	$61	$7	$402			760	$646	$148	$74	$19	$5	$170	$412

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION.

Organized.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTEND'TS	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	Baptized	Expenses	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Publication	Education	Total Contributions	PRESIDENT	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS: Members	Home Expenses	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
	*Armona	L. R. Sanborn	9	60	50	....	$20							Luther Grey									
	*Clovis	W. O. Thompson	9	.....	42	.....	20																
	Delano	Mrs. R.W. Lockridge	8	28	20	.....	18																
	*Dinuba		6	36	30	.....	16																
	Exeter	Myrtha Picklin	9	70	50	.....	50	....	.....	$5				J. L. Reeder		....						$64	$64
	Fresno—First	Mrs. J.S. Eastwood	18	250	140	8	145		....														
'99	Mission	J. L. Reeder	4	15	10																		
	*Hanford	Mrs. E.B. Richards	8	40	40	.....	20							Clarence Fox	Maggie Hays	20							
	Lemoore	Mrs. Armstrong	9	52	45		25	..	.....	1													
'93	Lindsay	Mrs. C. Cowan	8	40	26	1	25																
'98	Malaga	S. R. LaRue	7	35	30		30	$3	$3		$3	$2	$18	Grace B. Smith	W. J. Clark	24	$5						
'79	Madera	W. J. Clark	8	65	55		30																
	Merced	J. W. Baker	3	11	8																		
	*Orosi	W. P. Ethridge	9	35	30		20																
	Polasky	No school.																					
'88	Reedley	S. D. England	....	....	45	.....	28	.....	10	2	1	....	19										
	Sanger	H. P. Holmes	6	50	32									A. E. Bigelow	B. Huntsman	33						27	27
'85	Selma	A. E. Bigelow	9	75	50	5	30	6			3	..	9										
'97	" Mis'n	A. E. Bigelow	3	25	16	.....	7							Frank Stiles	Nina Reams	38		$2					2
'87	Tulare	Chas. Carpenter	13	120	70	3	40	2	2	..	2	.....	6		Ella Carter	10							
'98	Porterville	F. M. Reed	8	51	35		20				5												
			154	1058	824	17	$544	$11	$15	$8	$14	$2	$52			125	$5	$2				$111	$113

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SACRAMENTO RIVER ASSOCIATION.

'95	*Arbuckle	Wm. Putnam	8	50	40		$ 5							Mrs. Farmer	Miss McMurry	40					$5		$5
'90	Anderson	L. P. Hines	12	75	65		30						$5										
'76	Biggs	Emma Sparks	7	30	27		14																
	*Chico	W. H. Earle	14	102			52							Etta Henderson		20							
	†Cohasset	W. H. Kidnell	6	25	20																		
	†Corning	A. A. Stearner	13	54	50		20																
	Cottonwood		5	25	20																		
'96	*Inwood	John McCart	4	27	20		7							John McCart									
'93	*Grand Island	Mrs. E. B. Vann	8	40	35		18																
	*Maxwell	W. C. Baker	7	55	48		25							H. J. Cook									
	*Plateau	Mrs. J. Martin	10	75			8																
'99	Mt. Lassen	K. S. Williams	10	89	75	2	5																
'80	Orland	May Raeger	8	60	50		25							Bertha Downing	Rosa Lake	30							
'72	Red Bluff	Chas. Miles	13	84	56	2	35	$5	$15		$8		$28	E. N. Carroll	Julia Pendleton	18	$8						
'89	Redding	Mrs. H. J. Roberts	10	60	45	3	40	2	3				5	W. W. Griffin	Mrs C. C. Middleton	15							
'97	Round M't'n	Mrs. E. A. Phillips	5	20	30		10																
'82	Willows	P. R. Garnett	8	112	70		50	1	1	$1	1	$3	7	Chas. Keeran	Emma Clark	25	9					$5	5
			148	983	651	$7	$344	$8	$19	$1	$9	$3	$45			148	$17				$5	$5	$10

CLEAR LAKE ASSOCIATION.

'95	Bethel	C. M. Bucknell	8	80	50		$14	$1			$1		$2	Della Grist		15	$40						
'95	" Mis'n 1	Chas. Grist, Covelo	7	35	28		12																
'99	" " 2	Mrs. O. Farrall	4	15	14																		
	*Casper	Mrs. I. Mathews	4	30																			
'86	Fort Bragg	M. J. Weller	12	110	75	12	60																
	*Garberville	Mrs. R. A. Ray	6	66	60		10																
	Mendocino	Mrs. J. Huff	5	45	40		24	7															
'94	†Long Valley	J. J. Murphy	6	40	30		18																
'84	Eureka	Mrs. A. Long	9	75	60		47		$1		5	$1	$7	Mrs. T. K. Carr	Mrs. J. H. McDonald	26	25	$5				$1	$6
98	" Mis'n	Lizzie McKellar	3	21	13																		
	Philo	Mrs. L. Beach	2	18	12																		
	*Ukiah	Jas. Howard	14	75	60																		
	Willits	Mrs. Artie Upp	8	53	35		20																
	*Westport	F. Werner	7	51	30		25																
	*Point Arena	R. Maddox	5	30	18		34																
			100	744	525	12	$264	$8	$1		$6	$1	$9			41	$65	$5				$1	$6

* Association Report, 1898. † Convention Report, 1898.

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION.

Organized.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTEND'TS	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	Baptized	Expenses	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Publication	Education	Total Contributions	PRESIDENT	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Members	YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS: Home Expenses	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
'56	Dixon	Dr. S. E. Morse	14	75	49	4	$50	$2	....	..	$5	..	$13	Scott Rice	.....	25	$8	.....	$20	..	...	..	$20
	Healdsburg	Mrs. H. Woods	12	104	80	6	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	Pearl Harrison	Jennie Wright	40							
	Middletown	L. Lunquist	5	45	30	5	18	..	..	..	..	.....	...	Silas Stark	H. Linquist								
'75	*Napa	J. P. Twyman	10	85	55	1	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mrs. A. York	.....	32							
	*Petaluma	J. W. Barrows	20	90	70		117	...	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. B. E. Melby	.....	20	4	$8	.	....	.	....	12
'50	Sacramento, 1st	A. B. Banks	24	200	132	25	139	10		14	12	6	45	Miss H. Napkin	Frank Gillett	69	90	6	6	...	$7	.....	20
'57	*Santa Rosa	F. F. Bunker	14	145	96	3	45	..	..	..	..	...	...	C. F. Lee	Mrs Geo. Claypool	42	...	50	..	....	....	$7	57
'75	St. Helena	Miss E. R. Shaw	11	45	40	...	47	.	..	...		...		F. W. Hewes	F. W. Hewes	16							
	*Vacaville	Mrs. H. C. Blake	7	25	17	...	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	R. Lancaster	Mrs. E. F. Pinkham	49							
'70	Vallejo	N. L. Freeman	14	115	90		118	11	...	..	.	5	16	Arthur Owen	Miss Vina Butler	13	...	18	5	....	.....	...	23
'75	Woodland	J. G. Wright	9	51	40	3	40			..	4		4	Mrs. Anna Wright	Miss Annie Adams	20	5						
		Total	140	980	699	47	$625	$23	..	$14	$21	$11	$78	.....	.....	327	$107	$82	$31	...	$7	$7	$132

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AMERICAN RIVER ASSOCIATION.

	Auburn	Mr. Robertson	4	20	15	..	$12	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Miss A. E. Chapman	Mrs. Chapman	8							
'96	*Christian Vall'y	S. E. Lancaster	6	35	30																		
'93	Oak Park	Mrs. L. H. Snider	17	194	108	20	60	...	. .	...	...	...	..	Chas. Boggiss	Etta Hortan	12							
	*Penryn	H. B. Howell	12	60	50	.....	25																
'97	Penn Valley	C. P. Campbell	5	30	25	.....	2																
'69	Sac. Calvary	Geo. O. Hayford	15	180	115	19	130	..	.	..	.		.	Miss Lida Price	Miss Flora Hall	44	$75	.....	.....	....	.....	$15	$90
'75	Reno, Nev	B. F. Carter	11	95	75	1	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Miss E. Sprague	Miss A. Foster	57							
'97	" Mis'n	W. F. Rees	10	65	40	2	50																
'89	Sac. Emmanuel	G. M. Purnell	10	120	85	2	75	..	..	.	..	.	...	A. V. Beesley	Wm. McNairn	15	50						
'96	Towle	Mrs. J. H. Hargreaves	7	50	40		30	..	.		....		...	C. Hargreaves	Mrs. R. Hutchinson	15							
'97	Wadsworth, Nev	A. C. Lewis	5	50	28	....	12																
	†Wheatland	B. F. Dam	10	50	40	....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	Florence Dam	.....	23							
		Total	112	949	651	44	$492	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174	$125	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15	$90

* Association Report, 1899. † Last year's Convention Report.

SOUTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Organized.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUPERINTEND'TS	Officers and Teachers	Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	Baptized	Expenses	CONTRIBUTIONS: Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Publication	Education	Total Contributions	PRESIDENT	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Members	YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS: Home Expenses	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Education	Other Objects	Total Contributions
'91	Aptos	Fred Johnson	7	50	30	.....	$12	$3	$4	.....	$2	.....	$10	F. Johnson	.....	12	$14						
'75	Gonzales	J. H. Bookenoogan	8	60	48	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	S. W. Mack	J. D. Cochran	17	15						
	Hollister	No report.																					
	Imusdale	No report.																					
'90	*Kings City	W. J. Downing	7	55	50		50					..		Dean M. Wentworth	A. Wentworth	20							
	Los Gatos	J. B. Tupper	8	40	30	4	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ral. Wall	R. Withey	20							
'94	*Morgan Hill	H. Wagner	8	46	40	5	24							Mrs. Edes	Mrs. C. Hart	35							
	Mount'n View	M. H. Stevens	9	65	45	2	35	2	. .	.	3		5	Mrs. G. W. Paduc	Mrs. Crittenden	20							
'74	Salinas	W. M. Pence	10	76	45	.	33	1	5	.	4	$1	11	Ruth Abbott	Etta North	20							
'67	Santa Cruz	E. L. Bixby	17	93	75	.	62		4		8	2	14	Mrs. Otto	Ruth Peaks	25	12	$5	$7	. .	. .	$1	$13
	" Mission	F. L. Bixby	8	40		.....	27																
	Santa Clara	W. J. Burrell	9	47	30		25		.		4			W. J. Burrell	Eltha Burrell	9							
'50	San Jose, First	Frank H. Smith	20	212	175	4	124	5	.	$5	20	5	40	Frank Smith	P. T. Porter	97	85	10	8	.....	$8	1	35
'45	" " Emm'l	Z. L. Orcutt	12	91	52	2	52		2	2	2		6	E. P. Anderson	Miss B. W. Smith	20	. .	...	10	82	. .	4	17
	" "Swedish	C. A. Nystrom	4	30	23	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Miss R. E. Orgren	Miss Orgren	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2
	San Lucas																						
	Watsonville	Rev. P. Peterson	4	40	20	....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nathan Larsen									
	Palo Alto													Miss S. L. Cooke	A. W. Baird	12							
		Total	131	945	663	17	$547	$11	$15	$7	$43	$8	$86			331	$126	$15	$25	$2	$8	$8	$67

* Association Report, 1898.

RECAPITULATION

Central	337	2830	1938	64	$2426	$64	$75	$111	$61	$7	$402				760	$646	$148	$74	$19	$5	$170	$412
Pacific	140	980	699	47	625	23		14	21	11	78				327	107	82	31	. . .	7	7	132
American River	112	949	651	44	492										174	125	.				15	90
South Central	131	945	663	17	547	11	15	7	43	8	86				331	126	15	25	2	8	8	67
Clear Lake	100	744	525	12	264	8	1		6	1	9				41	65	5				1	6
San Joaquin	154	1058	824	17	544	11	15	8	14	2	52				125	5	2				111	113
Sacramento River	148	983	651	7	344	8	19	1	9	3	45				148	17	.			5	5	10
Total	1123	*8459	†5951	208	$5242	$145	$125	$141	$154	$32	$672				1906	1091	$252	$130	$21	$25	$317	$830

* This is 227 less than last year's report. † This is 47 less than last year's report.

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CONCERNING THIS YEAR

Since the State Convention meeting at Twin Lakes in August there have been some important changes in our program for the coming year. At that time it was expected that the Home Mission Society would give toward the church building at Palo Alto $2,000 with a loan of a like amount. The building contemplated, with the balance due on the lot, would, it was supposed, cost about $5800, leaving a balance of $1800 to raise, of which amount it was hoped to raise $800 at Palo Alto. The rapid rise in prices has added to the expense of the plans about $1000. The Home Mission Society, when consulted, preferred to keep the plans intact and divide the increase with our Convention, raising the amount of their gift to $2500. The amount required of us is therefore increased to $1500. As we shall need $4000 this year for our regular work and the balance of floating debt still against us, besides this $1500 for Palo Alto, the Board at its October meeting, after careful consideration of all the conditions, decided that an appeal must be made to the churches for $5500. This is about $500 more than was raised last year. The meaning of this is that offerings will need to be increased on the average a little more than ten per cent over the amount given last year. As some of our churches, notably the Fresno, and First church of San Francisco, have suffered serious loss by fire, other churches will need to make their increase more than this amount if we are to do the work which we have undertaken for the year. The Home Mission Society has pledged a large increase to this field, when the liberal gifts from the Church Edifice fund are taken into account, almost doubling the amount ordinarily given. This enlargement on the part of our Eastern brethren calls for increased liberality among our churches. The times have so much improved that it ought not to be difficult to raise $500 more than we raised last year. Many of our churches should double and treble their offerings. Some gave but ten dollars last year who ought to give forty or fifty dollars this year. Two things the General Missionary asks of the pastors: First, that they will not allow the offerings of their churches in any case to fall below the amount contributed last year. Second, that where the amount contributed last year was less than fifty cents a member, the amount contributed this year shall be increased to that percentage.

Two changes will be noted in the Constitution, one including the State of Nevada in our Convention field, the other admitting of the payment of the Life Membership fee in amounts distributed over five years instead of one amount at one time. A special appeal will be made to the laymen of our churches to make themselves life members of the Convention. Five dollars a year for five years will make you a member for life of our Convention. Every pastor ought to enlist, and there should be such a general acceptance of this offer on the part of all the members of our churches that the Convention shall be made a far more representative body than it now is. Inquiries concerning our Convention work should be addressed to the General Missionary with all freedom. Such literature as we have concerning the same will be furnished free.

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